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NSC review(s) completed.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 40 Committee Decisions

Due to the illness of the Executive Secretary and the absence of detailed minutes, the following decisions, in addition to those noted in the regular minutes dated 22 October 1971, are recorded for the official record:

Meeting: 14 September 1970

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Present: Mr. Kissinger, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Packard, Mr. Johnson, Admiral Moorer, and Mr. Helms.

Messrs. [redacted] Thomas Karamessines, and William Broe were also present.

Subject: OLD HEAD

Prior to commencing with the agenda item, a brief discussion took place concerning a Cuban MIG intercept effort of a U-2 OLD HEAD photographic overflight early on the morning of 14 September. It was noted that, weather permitting, the OLD HEAD flights had been increased to a near daily basis while a Soviet naval task force is in Cuban waters. It was felt that the intercept effort was designed to discourage these overflights during this period rather than signifying any change in overall Cuban policy toward such missions.

Admiral Moorer stated that the increased OLD HEAD missions were designed to ascertain if the Soviets are planning to establish a permanent base in Cuba for Soviet submarine operations. If so, the U.S. might be faced with a situation similar to the 1962 Cuban missile crisis with sea-based, rather than land-based, Soviet offensive missiles.

The Chairman requested Mr. Helms to prepare an assessment of the objectives of the Soviet task force as soon as sufficient reliable information is available.

Meeting: 14 April 1971

Subject: [redacted]

The [redacted] proposal outlined in the JCS memorandum of 13 April 1971, on the agenda for the meeting of 14 April 1971, was telephonically approved by the Committee members on 16 April 1971.

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Meeting: 26 May 1971

Present: Mr. Kissinger, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Packard, Mr. Johnson,
Lieut. Gen. Richard T. Knowles, and Mr. Helms.

Mr. Thomas Karamessines and [redacted] were
also present.

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Subject: SR-71 Overflights of North Korea [redacted]

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Overflights of North Korea were stood down for the month of June
with a request that a review of reconnaissance over North Korea
be presented by the JRC to the Committee by 20 June.



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