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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William P. Clements, Jr.  
Department of Defense

Mr. William J. Porter  
Department of State

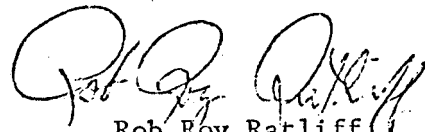
Admiral Thomas H. Moorer  
Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Department of Defense

SUBJECT: Request for Authorization to Fly SR-71 Photographic  
Reconnaissance Missions over North Vietnam

The Chairman asks that I obtain the vote of 40 Committee principals on the attached paper.

I understand that this subject was discussed at a WSAG meeting and this paper prepared as a result, and that subsequently the IDEALIST mission referred to in paragraph 4.b. (and 6.b.) was approved for implementation after 28 March.

As this paper points out, specific timing for any mission would depend upon the weather, but the Chairman is not considering implementation prior to 28 March 1973.



Rob Roy Ratliff  
Executive Secretary  
The 40 Committee

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NRO and NSC review(s)

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