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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
STEERING GROUP ON MONITORING STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA, DIA and State/INR Members, SALT Monitoring Working Group
Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation
Chairman, Signals Intelligence Committee
Chairman, Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee
Executive Director, National Photographic Interpretation Center
NSA SALT Coordinator

SUBJECT: Briefings for SALT Monitoring Working Group

1. You will recall that when the Working Group approved Terms of Reference for an evaluation of SALT monitoring capabilities, we decided that we should seek supplemental contributions on the flexibility with which certain collection systems could respond to extraordinary, short-term tasking if the need to investigate possible treaty violations required it. To implement that decision, I am arranging for several briefings by the organizations with primary responsibility for tasking and/or management of collection. In view of the importance of photographic exploitation to our work, I have also accepted NPIC's earlier offer to let us see for ourselves how the territorial search operation is conducted.

2. For each of the briefings on collection flexibility, I have indicated that the questions we need answered are: Under present circumstances, to what extent can collection systems focus greater attention on one or more SALT-related targets, areas, and activities? How much time would it take to alter the focus of collection so as to emphasize a SALT-related requirement? What sacrifice in other collection priorities would be incurred if the special SALT-related focus were maintained for a period of, say, one month, three months, six months, a year? Are there prospects for any change in flexibility over the next two years or so? I have suggested that the briefers review the Working Group's list of SALT monitoring tasks as they prepare their contributions.

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3. The briefings requested, and the proposed schedule, are:

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4. Members and observers may wish to bring their alternates to these briefings. Please telephone the names of those who will attend to Miss at least three days before the date of each briefing.

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