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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Eugene G. Fabiai *card*
Assistant Secretary of Defense

Lt. General Joseph F. Carroll *card*
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Review of Missile and Space Intelligence Programs

1. I have received and have under study the Department of Defense Review of Missile and Space Intelligence Programs. I note with great interest your observations concerning the collection activities, their supervision, the extent to which they are responsive to analytic requirements, the degree to which analytic elements exist in the Services and DIA and finally the interrelationship between various units in DoD and CIA in this field.

2. It is to be recalled that throughout 1963 I expressed concern over the management of both the collection and the analytic activities directed towards the Soviet missile and space program. My observations and the observations of my staff, which I communicated from time to time to authorities in DoD, parallel very closely the conclusions expressed in your report (although my staff had not had the benefit of a comprehensive study such as the one issued on 23 February).

3. My deep concern over the situation caused me to order the creation of a Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center which has been established in Langley, operates under Dr. Wheldon, Deputy

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Director for Science and Technology, who now has in being a small but extremely competent group of qualified expertise in this field. It is anticipated that this organization will ultimately involve about 100 qualified experts equipped with the necessary facilities to provide prompt reports and analyses in areas of their special competence. It was my thought in establishing this organization that, in addition to meeting its mission of analyzing in depth foreign missile and space activities, it would also assist in pointing out ways for the improvement of the collection and analytical activities existent in CIA, in each of the Services and in many of the Specified Commands and thus help to overcome a few of the deficiencies noted in your report.

4. Moreover, I felt it necessary that CIA have such an organization in order to meet its statutory responsibility under the National Security Act of 1947 to "collate and evaluate intelligence relating to National security, and provide for appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Government, using where appropriate existing agencies and facilities."

5. I am mindful of the vast responsibilities of the Department of Defense in this particular area and recognize the very substantial ongoing investment of people and facilities developed to meet this problem. The creation of the CIA Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center would in no way displace the assets or activities of DIA, the Services and their respective Commands for collection or analytical purposes. Rather, it would build on them for the benefit of the entire Intelligence Community with a view to bringing to a focus the information which is already produced in various forms by components of the Community, particularly the Department of Defense.

6. I am therefore writing to bring to your attention the actions which I have taken as a result of my personal observations over the past year and to invite your serious consideration of these

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existing facilities prior to the implementation of the recommendations of your report and the formulation of your plans concerning needs of the Department of Defense.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

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