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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Formulation of Policies on Outer Space

REFERENCE : National Security Action Memorandum 156

1. The Agency has been advised by National Security Action Memorandum 156 that the Department of State will organize a committee to formulate a position on the legitimate use of outer space, and in particular the question of satellite reconnaissance. The memorandum indicates that CIA will be expected to participate on this committee and that the President wishes to receive a report and recommendations by the 1st of July.

2. As you are well aware this is an extremely important subject with the greatest need for a carefully prepared position to be followed by careful negotiation by the United States delegate to the United Nations' Outer Space Committee. You are also aware of the fact that prior action in the United Nations by the United States delegate placed us in a very difficult position. It is a matter of major importance that the satellite reconnaissance program of the United States not be frustrated by Soviet diplomatic moves. It should be the objective of CIA to insure that the United States' position is calculated to permit us to continue this vital program.

3. Will you insure that the DCI's office is kept constantly and currently informed of all developments in this area. Attached is a letter to the Secretary of State indicating that either the DCI or yourself will represent the Agency in this matter.

(Signed) Marshall S. Carter

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