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SPECIAL GROUP MEMORANDUM - 5 April 1962

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2. Support of [Redacted]

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[Redacted] to the extent indicated in the paper, was approved subject to concurrence by [Redacted] as indicated on page 4. Mr. Johnson explained that [Redacted] reply had not been received by the time the meeting was convened. '

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3. General discussion of State's papers on the development in law of Outer Space. McCone discussed the subject at some length in detail. Reviewed the trend of Soviet propaganda.

4. CIA's Special Memorandum of 3 April distributed to Gilpatric, Taylor, and Johnson; copies of CIA memorandum on Reconnaissance Satellite Vulnerability.

5. Finally, discussed the forthcoming meeting of the American Assembly and British Group and proposed that State and CIA prepare a position paper reflecting U. S. views on "freedom of outer space" and a speech for Mr. McCloy to use at the forthcoming May Meeting of American Assembly and British in London. Johnson discussed State policy, calling for freedom for outer space. McCone expressed concern over procedure of developing policy in U. N. Committees where our policies might be seriously watered down or compromised and our negotiators were not informed as to our vital interests in outer space. McCone therefore urged that we develop our own unilateral policies and be prepared to insist on them in any United Nations or bilateral agreement.

Gilpatric raised question of registration of satellites which do not remain in orbit. Johnson expressed view all satellites should be registered. Subject held over until next week. Johnson referred to Dryden's (NASA) memorandum of talks with Russians on space cooperation. Suggested McCone and others read this memorandum.

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**ACTION:** CIA should prepare position paper and work in connection with State on paper for American Assembly Group, and on speech for McCloy. Dryden memorandum should be secured. McCone and Gilpatric should establish policy on registration prior to next meeting.

6. Peripheral flights discussed and it was decided that subject to approval of higher authority, two peripheral flights over Kamchatka approved; four peripheral flights across the Northern Tier were approved if Soviet bomber deployment in magnitude took place thus indicating the flights would be productive.

Other matters were brought up which were not on the Agenda.

1. McCone discussed the British Guiana-Venezuela boundary problem referred to papers by CIA. Stated conclusion that to aggravate this issue would probably assist Jagan.

**ACTION:** Copies of this paper should go to Alexis Johnson. *we n<sup>2</sup>*

2. Question of support  Decided this problem should be brought before the group formally in the form of a paper. WH should prepare their firm recommendations after a final discussion with AID. ✓

3. April 4th memorandum from Kent to DCI on Soviet military strength discussed. McCone stated that a review of all available intelligence on this subject did not support the feeling gained by Sec/State and others at Geneva that the Soviets were less powerful militarily than we had estimated and that a review of our current intelligence confirmed our estimates, and that we should not be misled in this respect.

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