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Dear Brock:

I would appreciate your arranging to brief the United States Intelligence Board in executive session on the following:

1. The program and plans including study contracts and contracts and commitments for material and systems for an improved satellite photography reconnaissance search system. This, I think, involves:
  - a. Steps which are being taken or might be taken to improve the CORONA J.
  - b. Steps which are being taken or might be taken to develop a new high resolution search system.
2. Same information on the GAMBIT selective spotting system, both with respect to the improvement of the existing system and a follow-on system.
3. Studies or contracts for material and systems of satellite reconnaissance not related either to the CORONA or the GAMBIT, but which gives promise for adding to our intelligence inventory. These involve the improved photography, infra-red, color photography, radar, etc.
4. A status report on the work of the Air Force under NRO direction of providing secure satellite systems which cannot be intercepted by the Soviets anti-satellite capabilities. In this connection I note from satellite photography some unexplained construction which might possibly indicate the actual construction of an anti-satellite facility within the Soviet Union.

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I suggest these briefings be presented to the Board immediately after my return from Saigon. If agreeable to you, I will arrange a meeting on Wednesday, March 18th, so that adequate time will be provided for the briefings. I would, however, like to review the subject with you personally prior to presentation to the Board.

Sincerely,

/s/

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