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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Science & Technology

SUBJECT : [redacted] -- Its Future Use as a Civil Exploitation Center

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Don,

1. Last fall I asked [redacted] to support my request for a new building to house NPIC and the tenants of Building [redacted]. Even though, under the best of circumstances, it will be a long time before we would move to a new building, I suggest that now is an appropriate time to consider the future use of [redacted]. Specifically, we and others should examine the suitability of [redacted] as a center for exploitation of overhead sensor systems which will be operated for civil purposes.

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2. I continue to believe that the applications of satellite and other overhead sensing systems to the wide variety of civil purposes -- agriculture, forestry, geology, land use, pollution control, mapping, transportation, urban planning, etc. -- would be most effectively realized if there were a central, national exploitation and data facility. Such has been the case with national intelligence -- and I judge that for civil purposes such a facility would be even more needed and rewarding for relating, mixing, researching, developing, and applying useful results from overhead sensors.

3. We know that the facilities of [redacted] are inadequate for the intelligence production needs of the future -- yet I judge that these same facilities will be suitable for the less stringent civil application production needs. In addition, many of the techniques and uses in the civil field are yet to be developed. [redacted] would be an effective location for civil applications during an evolutionary period.

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4. I suggest that the idea for using  for a civil exploitation center in the 1980-90 time frame be advanced for consideration among those most interested -- the USIA, the Department of Interior, USCS -- and particularly the Office of Management and Budget. If there is a positive response to the initial proposal, the Center can develop details that would be useful for further discussions along this line.

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