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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Legislative Counsel

ATTENTION :

THROUGH : Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Request from House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

1. Mr. Loch Johnson, a staff member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, visited NPIC on Monday, 27 November 1978. During the visit he requested that we provide him satellite imagery and a schematic drawing of a photint satellite for use by Representative Aspin. According to Mr. Johnson, Congressman Aspin is writing an article on SALT verification for Scientific American and would like to use such imagery as part of the article.

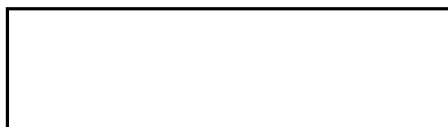
2. I indicated to Mr. Johnson that no satellite imagery had been released and there was little likelihood that any would be in the short time frame under consideration. Further, although there have been numerous satellite collection vehicle illustrations in aerospace journals, to the best of my knowledge none has been officially released. I indicated that some U-2 photography has been released to the press (principally that of the Cuban missile crisis) and that an unclassified aerial photo of the Soviet D class SSBN has been released. I indicated that we probably had copies of these.

3. It is my understanding that subsequently Mr. Johnson reiterated his request for applicable photographs to a representative of the Office of Public Affairs.

4. Attached are seven unclassified SALT related photographs which may be released to Mr. Johnson for Representative Aspin. As noted above, they are not satellite photographs. This fact should be

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made clear upon their release to avoid any confusion or embarrassment. As you will recall during Mr. Johnson's visit, he gave the impression that he thought the release of some old outdated satellite photography was not much of a problem. Therefore, I believe it wise that we make it clear to him that we are doing our best to be responsive to the request, but that we are not in a position to be fully responsive to the request as originally stated.



Director
National Photographic Interpretation Center

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Attachments:
a/s

cc: Director, Public Affairs

Sue:

This came direct to me yesterday afternoon, and I began flailing around without thinking to bring it to Registry for logging. Sorry (but I'd been waiting for NPIC to cough it up for a week.)

Joan caught the fact that it hadn't been logged when I took it to her last night for a property pass.

I took it to HFSCI first thing this a.m., left the attachments with Loch Johnson, and brought the memo back. Joan sent the covering pink devil back to me. I haven't gotten it yet. Have you?

Burt
5 Dec.

Bart

No I have not read "pink
devil" Do we have a
copy of the attachment
so that Registry will have
a record of what was
passed to #1502? SK

Office of Legislative Counsel

Sue:

Per our discussion yesterday,
here's a memo describing
the photos passed to ATSC.

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6 December, 1978

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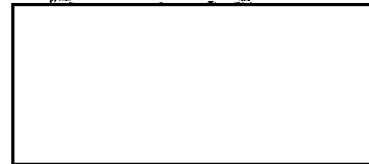
MEMORANDUM

FOR OLC Registry
FROM [redacted] Liaison Staff
SUBJECT NPIC Graphics for Rep. Aspin

1. The material provided by NPIC at the request of HPSCI staff director Dr. Loch Johnson consisted of:

- a. one black & white aerial photo of a BACKFIRE bomber
- b. one color photo of a SS-9 missile
- c. one black & white photo of a Soviet submarine at sea
- d. two black & white photos of a SS-9 missile rigged for parade
- e. two black & white photos of a SS-11 on parade in Moscow

2. None of the photos was classified. They were provided by [redacted] and were sent to OLC via [redacted] in the office of the DDS&T.



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