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For  
DCI-SecDef Meeting

20 January 1984

SUBJECT: National Space Strategy

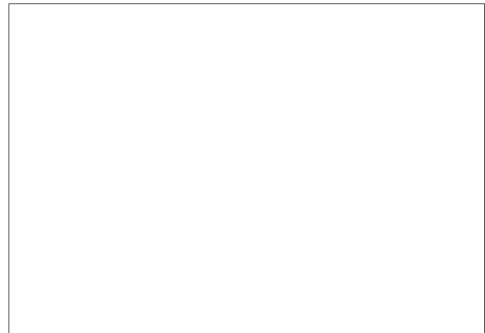
- We believe that the NSC Staff will use the State of the Union Address as a mechanism to gain Presidential agreement on the thrust desired by the NSC Staff for the National Space Strategy.
- The NSC Staff has stated that they intend to draft the NSDD without any participation by DCI or DoD staffs, and that the NSDD will be handled on a "fast track." This implies only minimal time for the personal review of the SecDef and DCI. No time would be available for staff review.
- By including statements in the President's State of the Union Address that set the specific direction for the National Space Strategy, the ability to impact on the NSDD itself becomes difficult at best.
- While the President almost certainly wants to include statements concerning space in his State of the Union Address, the need for an NSDD coincident with the State of the Union is artificial. We have offered to assist in the development of statements for the Address. We have not received a response to the offer.

Recommendation

- A National Space Strategy NSDD must be developed by the departments and agencies it would primarily affect.
- Statements should not be inserted in the State of the Union Address that decide the thrust of the National Space Strategy without your coordination.

*Propose to Ambassador McFarlane with SecDef that*

- Ambassador McFarlane should be informed of our concerns and offered our assistance, as appropriate, in drafting any statements on space for the State of the Union Message.



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**SUBJECT: PFIAB Report on the NRO**

- Per Ambassador McFarlane's 11 January request, written comments on the PFIAB report were jointly dispatched by the DCI and SecDef to Ambassador McFarlane on ~~18~~<sup>19</sup> January.
- Given the fiscal, political, and management consequences of the recommendations contained in the report, we believe a meeting with the President to convey your views is necessary.

**Recommendation**

- Recommend that you discuss with the SecDef scheduling a joint meeting with the President on the PFIAB report.

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