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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

International Security and Satellite Monitoring Act
of 1988, H.R. 4036

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The Directorate of Science and Technology has reviewed the International Security and Satellite Monitoring Act of 1988, H.R. 4036. There may be benefit in the international sharing of remote sensing information in certain areas: the monitoring, inventorying, and protection of the earth's resources; studying an integrated ecosystem and monitoring of other environmental phenomena; and for the expansion of the World Meteorological Organization. However, the charter of the proposed Commission should not be extended to areas that are now the responsibility of the DCI or the D/FBI. This would include the following: facilitation of on-going efforts to control international terrorism and drug trafficking activities; facilitation of on-going efforts to verify compliance with arms reduction treaties; and facilitation of on-going efforts to enhance crisis control and conflict reduction. These areas are intelligence issues which require information from a number of sources to establish a comprehensive view. This information cannot be shared and even the remote sensing information alone would provide substantial insights into this country's technical collection methods and perhaps capabilities. The Agency should attempt to have the proposed legislation modified to avoid the potential compromising of intelligence sources and methods.

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