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7 May 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT: Telecon this morning concerning any OSA activities which could put the Agency into an embarrassing situation.

1. There are no missions which we have flown during the last four years with which I can associate the result directly to any activity potentially embarrassing to the Agency. There were a number of missions flown that indirectly have the potential for this embarrassment. Bear in mind that once we turn the film over to NPIC or any other agency, we have no control over subsequent distribution.

2. The missions listed on the attachment are in three categories:

a. Category A: These are missions flown in the U. S. that are very similar to the potential that you discussed with me using the example of the Santa Barbara oil disaster.

b. Category B: The COMPASS TRIP (detection of illicit poppy grove) is a separate category because of the high sensitivity of this subject.

c. Category C: When we were developing LONG SHAFT, the system was tested in the U. S. In effect, we were "wire tapping" domestic microwave transmission. Although to our knowledge nothing sensitive was picked up, in the broad sense this activity could be labeled illegal.

3. I have specifically looked to see where our U-2's were operating during the Watergate break-in discovery, Democratic National

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Convention and Republican National Convention. All the above events occurred in the East and our aircraft on their missions during this time period was in the western part of the U. S.

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Attachment - 1  
As noted above

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POSSIBLE IMPLICATION

BY WHOM/WHEN

TASK

CATEGORY A

Santa Barbara Oil  
Disaster

Dept. of Interior. Feb 1969.

Potential for providing basis for  
criminal law suits. Pressure on  
oil company to change operation.

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ORD/NASA Earth Resources  
Programs. Spring/Fall 1969

Possible use for industrial  
exploitation. Crop production  
control & estimates future market.

Snow Survey ( )

Environmental Science Services  
Administration (ESSA), Dept.  
of Commerce thru COMIREX,  
Spring 1969.

Industrial exploitation. Water  
resource allocation.

Hurricane Base  
Line

Office of Economic Prepared-  
ness. Spring 1970.

Political leverage for disaster  
area funds.

Earthquake Damage  
Losses

Self generated, NPIC processed.  
Feb 1971.

Political leverage. Criminal  
negligence suits. Reconstruction  
exploitation.

Minneapolis -  
Kansas City

OSI/AEC Division. Jan - Mar  
1972.

Environmental applications,  
urban planning; exploitation.

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TASK

CATEGORY A (continued)

RIVER BOAT (M... NRO - ICRS. April 1973.

Political leverage. Industrial exploitation, civil damage suits.

West Virginia Dam Site Coverage NRO - Army Corps of Engineers. Jan/Feb 1973.

Potential for real estate exploitation, water control.

CATEGORY B

COMPASS TRIP (Puerto Rico), Multi Spectral Sensor BNDD, DDI/CIA, NPIC, ORD. Dept. of Agriculture. Fall 1972.

CIA extension of dope trafficking from SEA to CONUS. Better techniques to avoid detection of growth.

CATEGORY C

LONG SHAFT NSA/CIA COMINT collection. Started in Jan 1970.

Can be used to monitor domestic microwave transmissions. Airborne "BUG".

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