

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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September 21, 1978

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI

FROM: ROBERT A. ROSENBERG *Rosie*

SUBJECT: Declassifying the "Fact of" Satellite Photoreconnaissance

The attached (TAB A) was presented in yesterday's ^{PRE}SEC by Lucy Benson--it is a reiteration of State's previous expressions on "Fact of" but represents a change in their position regarding release of imagery itself.

State now feels that much more study is needed here--and that release of pictures could pose some dangers without winning much additional support for SALT. Their position was aired and disputed by David, OSD, OMB, JCS, and NASA in yesterday's PRC--that is--to make "Fact of" really of value in the political sense, we must also make information and imagery from space reconnaissance available on a selective basis. I believe the memo does not need a substantive reply, based on the above, only an acknowledgement.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the acknowledgement at TAB I.

Ben Huberman concurs.

Enclosure

- TAB A - Warren Christopher
- Memo to Dr. Brzezinski
- TAB I - Prop Memo to Warren Christopher

ZB -
 Is this necessary?
 [Handwritten initials and marks]

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBJECT: Declassifying the Fact of Satellite
Photo Reconnaissance

Reference is made to your memo of September 20, subject as above.

As you know, this subject was extensively debated in the Policy Review Committee meeting of September 20. We will shortly be going forward with the recommendations of the various agencies to the President. Your views will be fully presented.

Zbigniew Brzezinski

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