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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES M. BEGGS
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

I understand that NASA is considering the public sale of imagery taken from one or more Shuttle flights. Concern has been expressed that these photographs may disclose sensitive national security information. I would appreciate it if you could look into this matter and work closely with military and intelligence officials in assessing the sensitivity of the photos. (S)

Obviously, we should withhold sale of the imagery if there is even the remotest chance of revealing classified information. (U)

J. M. Poindexter
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

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