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- 1. The highest priority strategic objectives in ELINT collection are for electronic data dealing with guidance systems and for telemetering in connection with both guided missile and atomic energy.
- 2. System Four, in order to achieve the objectives above, must actually penetrate the territory of the USSR except in the cases of possibly LENINGRAD, the BARENTS Sea, KAMCHATKA, and the north Siberian coast. (In these cases likelihood of System Four to pick up data bearing on the principal objectives listed above is possible but not certain.)
- 3. Whereas the Agency has an interest in seeing to it that as speedily as possible products collected by AQUATONE and in particular ELINT data collected by System Four, it should distinguish between those things that are of immediate absolute concern to the Agency.
- 4. Barton Hall, with the only read-out equipment available, can in a reasonable time provide the technical advice required by the Project from the existing System Four tapes. Thereupon, they should be turned over to NTPC and SAC as soon as equipments for read-out are available to them. Read-out of the existing tapes and of others that may be collected from peripheral missions is of interest to the Services for Order of Battle information and not essential for the Agency needs either in terms of

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operational requirements or in terms of meeting the objective stated in paragraph 1. Accordingly, the military should be left to read-out these tapes if, as, and when they can.