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Mr. Roy W. Johnson
Director
Advanced Research Project Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I was very pleased to receive your memorandum of 12 September wherein you outlined the progress being made in establishing a national mechanism for surveillance of foreign space vehicles. This problem, of course, demands immediate and complete attention by the U.S. intelligence community.

In response to your invitation to send Agency representation to participate in framing an appropriate mechanism, I am naming both from my Office of Scientific Intelligence, as primary and alternate members respectively. As you may already know, these gentlemen are also Chairman and Deputy Chairman respectively, of the Scientific Estimates Committee, and in this capacity, can bring a community view to your discussions in the area specifically concerned with scientific requirements.

I understand you have asked for a statement of Agency capabilities to effect surveillance of foreign space vehicles. Accordingly, I have asked Dr. Scoville, my Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence, to prepare such a statement. He will forward this statement to you within the next week.

Sincerely,

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