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You requested that we keep you informed on our progress in assessing the military implications of the NASA Earth Observation Satellite Programs. Last summer we tasked IDA to describe the sensors, technology, and ground processing involved in the NASA programs and to characterize the end product available to the users after experimental or operational deployment. Also, we asked System Planning Corporation to provide an initial assessment of the military implications of the data from these sensors to the DoD and foreign governments. NASA cooperated fully in providing data. The IDA and SPC work is complete except for final report distribution.

We have also established a Steering Group consisting of Dr. Yarymovych, AF, RADM Geiger, Navy, Dr. Haley, Army, and LTC Coyle, SAFUS, to guide this assessment activity and formulate appropriate policy options for DoD consideration. My office has prepared an overview paper which characterizes the problem (copy attached). Bob Cooper will be happy to discuss the details with you prior to your meeting with Plummer/Fletcher at your convenience.

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