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April 5, 1967

The Honorable Alexander Flax
Director, National Reconnaissance Office
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C.

Dear Al:

I have your letter of February 23 which forwards the final report of your group in connection with Recommendation #7 of the NSAM 156 Ad Hoc Committee Report of July 11, 1966. While I support the findings and recommendations of the report, I have delayed a reply because of the serious study we have been giving to NASA's proposed use of a GAMBIT camera in earth orbit. I note in your letter of February 17 to Admiral Taylor that you plan to report to the NRP Executive Committee on this problem. I believe this would be the appropriate forum in which to resolve the question of the use of a GAMBIT camera by NASA and intend, therefore, to await the outcome of the Ex Com consideration of this matter before officially endorsing the report.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms

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