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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 285

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR,
    NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

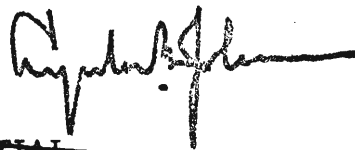SUBJECT: Cooperation with the USSR on Outer Space Matters

Thank you for the report presented in compliance with National
Security Action Memorandum No. 271, and which you prepared in
coordination with the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Executive
Secretary of the Space Council, the Director of Central Intelligence,
the Science Advisor, and certain of my staff. This report presents
a reasonable and persuasive approach to a program of cooperation
with the Soviet Union in the field of outer space.

The report and recommendations therein have my general endorse-
ment and I hereby request you in cooperation with the other responsible
officers of the Government, particularly the Secretary of State and
the Executive Secretary of the Space Council, to proceed with this
program keeping me informed of progress and calling upon me for
such help as I may be able to offer.

I will expect NASA and the other responsible departments and
agencies to keep this report under continuing review, and to keep me
currently advised of the progress being made with the Soviet Academy
under the current agreement, and also of any Soviet response to
our initiatives at the United Nations on cooperation in outer space.

By the first of May, the Soviet Union should have had ample
opportunity to make its intentions with respect to cooperation clear
to us. I will expect you to assume the initiative in preparing
appropriate recommendations for my attention to deal with the
situation as it appears to be at that time.

The Executive Secretary of the Space Council has suggested that
the report be used as the basis for a briefing at some appropriate
time for members of the Space Council. By copy of this memorandum
I request him to work with you in developing this briefing and setting
a time therefor.

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