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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Studies Concerning Security and Technology Transfer
Impacts of the Pending Transfer of LANDSAT-D Ground
Station Technology to the People's Republic of
China (PRC)

The NRO staff commissioned the attached studies in late
November in an effort to satisfy OUSDR&E's stated need for
an "objective assessment" of the PRC LANDSAT-D Ground Station
proposal. Study No. 1 was done by Dr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dr. [REDACTED] has considerable
background in communications associated technology transfer
issues, and is an Advisor to the Director, DIA. Study No.
2 was done by Dr. [REDACTED] (Sunnyvale,
California). Dr. [REDACTED] has long served in a variety
of advisory capacities with the SIGINT Overhead Reconnaissance
Program. The two studies were commissioned to be performed
wholly separately. While they differ in some specific
findings, they nevertheless both advise a very conservative
approach in providing LANDSAT-D associated technology to
the Chinese. It should be noted that Study 2 is a more
detailed effort, having taken three weeks to complete while
Study 1 was completed (at the NRO's request) in about ten
days.

It should be emphasized that both are contractor efforts
and neither has been subjected to any rigorous scrutiny
within government.

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Deputy Director for Liaison
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2 Attachments

1. Study by Dr. [REDACTED]
2. Study by Dr. [REDACTED]

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