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MEMORANDUM TO: G/PM - Mr. Farley

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SUBJECT: Space Fragment in Nepal

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I mentioned this one to you earlier. The Foreign Technology Division of the Air Force has now decided that the fragments could have great value, whether they are from a Chinese missile test or the Soviet launch vehicle venik. They are now going to General Carroll with a proposal that he submit DIA's requirement to Tom Hughes with a request that the Embassy attempt to get visitation rights in Nepal for a small team of intelligence experts. Thus this may be in State channels soon.

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We will need to look at this carefully when it arrives. We can anticipate that IO and L will take their normal position and try to prevent any steps DIA might want to take to get intelligence from the fragments. Frank Perez is very good in this area and can be relied on for a fair evaluation of the intelligence requirements. I won't be able to make an evaluation until I see exactly what is being prepared. This, like all the others, should be a balance of intelligence gain against foreign relations risks.

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