

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1962

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 129

TO: The Secretary of State

SUBJECT: U. S. -U. S. S. R. Cooperation in the Exploration of Space

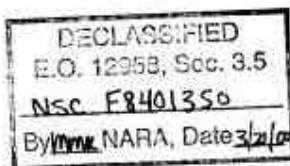
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The President further requests that you designate one officer of the Department of State to have general charge of this project and inform us when this designation has been made.

*McGeorge Bundy*  
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Information copy to:  
Administrator, NASA  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Science and Technology



February 27, 1962

**NOTE FOR HOLDERS OF**

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The attached National Security Action Memorandum No. 129 is a revised version to record the President's desire that the Executive Secretary, National Aeronautics and Space Council participate in the development of the specific proposals called for by this NSAM.

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**Attachment:**

Revised National Security Action Memo No. 129,  
dated February 27, 1962

cc: Mrs. Lincoln  
Mr. Bundy (3) ✓  
B. Smith/C. Johnson  
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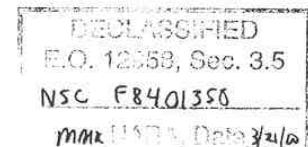
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