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**NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 50**

**TO: Dr. Edward C. Welsh, Executive Secretary, National  
Aeronautics and Space Council**

**SUBJECT: Official Announcements of Launching Into Space of Systems  
Involving Nuclear Power in Any Form**

The President desires to reserve to himself all first official announcements covering the launching into space of systems involving nuclear power in any form. The President is especially concerned with announcements relating to the planned use of SNAP devices aboard TRANSIT satellites which are tentatively scheduled for launching in June and July of 1961. Will you please advise members of the Space Council of the President's interest.

McGeorge Bundy

cc: President's Press Secretary  
The Director, United States Information Agency

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