

**TOP SECRET**

The unofficial SPACE RACE

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THE PROBLEM

1. The Soviet Union is winning the Space RACE.

Despite recent successes on our space program, in particular Apollo 8 and Apollo 10, in the eyes of both Soviet and American public opinions the United States of America are undoubtedly losing the so called "Space Race".

Our social analysts in the Pentagon are certain that a shift in positions, and possibly a Victory, will only occur when an American man steps foot on a celestial body that is not planet Earth, i.e., the MOON.

NUCLEAR DETERRENT

2. Air force specialists are confident that a major victory in the Space Race can provide a significant edge in our nuclear deterrence capacity. Demonstrating that our space program is advanced enough to land a man on the moon leaves open for interpretation that the United States of America are capable of placing ~~ICBMS on the surface of the moon.~~

Estimates show that such ICBMS would be able to reach Soviet nuclear silos at ~~least 15 minutes~~ faster than our missiles deployed in Turkey, thus greatly reducing the Soviets ability to launch a counterattack.

SOLUTION

3. Despite extensive R&D in the last decade, NASA estimates that the technology required to land a man on the moon is still at least 5 years away. This is an unsustainable time frame.

Washington has approved for "moon landing" footage to be shot on planet Earth. Filming will be conducted on a repurposed facility in Nevada and directed by Raymond Polanski in collaboration with Nasa experts. All captured footage is to remain stored in an undisclosed location.

Any future use of such footage requires the approval and signature of President Richard Milhous Nixon.

Under no circumstances should this information ever be disclosed.