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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: CORONA History

I have seen the CORONA history which was published in the Spring 1973 edition of Studies in Intelligence. As I recall, the decision to develop the CORONA history in the TALENT-KEYHOLE compartment was made in order that CORONA's operational achievements would become more widely understood and appreciated within the intelligence community. I find, however, that the published article has extensively treated on-going BYEMAN aspects which should continue to be protected despite the phase-out of the CORONA program.

Questions have already been raised within the DOD relative to the article and its impact on the BYEMAN compartment. The apparent inconsistency in the rules governing the [redacted] system as introduced by the article may serve to degrade our ability to effectively manage the NRP security program and to protect on-goin[redacted] activities. I am particularly concerned about the apparent double-standard which exists as a result of the article vis-a-vis the [redacted] compartment and the newly created [redacted]

Introduction of ambiguity into current BYEMAN management may seriously detract from historical profit gained by publication of CORONA information in the TALENT-KEYHOLE domain.

I recommend that the CORONA article be recompartmented into the BYEMAN system until such time as the CORONA history is purged of on-going BYEMAN inferences.

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