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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, DPD-DD/P

THROUGH : Chief, Administrative Branch, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT : Project ARGON

1. In line with the agreement reached in the meeting with ARPA and the Army last week the following steps have been taken by the Office of Security to effect the secure handling of Project ARGON from this Headquarters.

a. For security reasons the name VEDAS has been discontinued and the activity has officially become known as Project ARGON. This name has been coordinated with Mr. Parangosky and also with [redacted] of ARPA.

b. On 23 June 1959 a wire was sent to both BMD and LMSD advising them of the new name and requesting them to discontinue using the name of VEDAS. They were instructed that there will be a strict effort to compartment Project ARGON and Project CORONA.

c. The Office of Security, DPD, is in the process of printing appropriate briefing statements in order that formal briefings of ARGON personnel can commence during the week of 29 June.

2. In discussions with [redacted] it was learned that ARPA now has a directive prepared which would officially cancel Project VEDAS within DOD. [redacted] will be present at a meeting at Project Headquarters on 24 June at which time he will discuss this directive with us.

3. Also, for your information in initiating our security program for this project, we plan to ultimately cancel all so-called VEDAS clearances in order that all individuals on the lists now in the hands of ARPA and the Army might be eliminated except for those who will have a need for an ARGON clearance.

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Security Officer  
DPD-DD/P

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