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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Current State of Project LANYARD

1. A meeting was held in the Pentagon on 13 April to discuss Project LANYARD. The following persons were in attendance:

[Redacted]

Two other gentlemen were present, names unknown.

2. [Redacted] was introduced and opened the meeting as follows:

It is his desire that LANYARD and CORONA be treated as separate programs. He is responsible for management throughout the LANYARD program. He now wanted to discuss, in detail, certain areas that present problems to him. They were:

- a. Contracting
- b. Security
- c. Communications
- d. Operations

3. While verbatim notes were not taken of the meeting the following general opinions are made a matter of record.

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4. In the area of contracting [REDACTED] expressed a desire to be briefed on the Agency's method of contracting. After some discussion on the subject he voiced his desire to have the Agency's contracting officer establish his office on the West Coast.

5. The highlight of the Security presentation was [REDACTED] recommendation that the [REDACTED] facility be closed and its operation moved to Vandenberg Air Force Base.

6. During the discussion on types of communication facilities available it became apparent that [REDACTED] desires to limit in scope the communication paragraph of the agreement. He desires to communicate from his headquarters to units in the field without CIA obtaining a copy of the traffic. It is his intention to be the deciding official when it comes to determining CIA's needs.

7. After several attempts to inject operations into the conversation the subject was finally brought under the spotlight by [REDACTED]. He explained that for the first five launches the Fairchild timer will probably be used. However, since the LANYARD project was using many SAMOS components the capability to obtain 5 foot resolution on spot targets as compared to gross coverage would probably warrant, if the weight factor allowed it, the use of the E-4 camera programmer and control. This system programs most of the mission while the vehicle is in orbit and requires computers and trained programmers to be successful. These facilities are in existence on the West Coast and [REDACTED] indicated a strong desire to conduct operations from this location. I advanced several ideas related to the need for a sophisticated programming capability at this time as related to requirements and weather forecasting. In addition, I dusted off the proposal that was under consideration, about six months ago, that SAMOS operations be moved into the Washington area.

[REDACTED] agreements were reached. [REDACTED] stated he would submit these proposals to Dr. Scoville for his consideration.

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