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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Program Director, [REDACTED]  
Program Director, [REDACTED]  
Director, PRS  
Deputy Chief, D&AD  
Chief, PAD  
Chief, Contracts Staff  
Chief, Security Staff  
Chief, Technology Staff

**SUBJECT :** Project CORONA Termination

1. Project CORONA was terminated as an active [REDACTED] security compartmented project on 1 August 1972. Effective 1 October 1972, the Office of Security's Compartmented Information Branch (CIB) will eliminate Project CORONA from the register. You are requested to inform all of your personnel of this termination.

2. Historical CORONA documentation will be identified by Study Number [REDACTED]. Those individuals in government, who will require continuing access to CORONA material, will be permitted access to CORONA documentation if the individual holds a [REDACTED] Access Approval. If an individual does not possess a [REDACTED] Access Approval, the individual must be submitted through the standard documentation for a Study Number [REDACTED] Access Approval. Upon issuance of Study Number [REDACTED] the individual will be authorized access to CORONA material. Contractor personnel, whether they possess a [REDACTED] Access Approval or not, must be submitted for a Study Number [REDACTED] Access Approval.

3. No individual debriefings for CORONA Access Approvals will be administered for OSP personnel. All OSP personnel will be considered administratively debriefed via this memorandum. This

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(unless [REDACTED])

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administrative action does not terminate or lessen the degree of security afforded CORONA materials. Additionally, CORONA and CORONA-related information may not be discussed outside of [REDACTED] channels.

4. The following procedures will apply to the dissemination and control of documents and materials controlled under Project CORONA:

a. Those documents that are uniquely CORONA will be retired or destroyed, as appropriate.

b. Documents that are controlled under one or more compartments, in addition to CORONA, will have CORONA information deleted and CORONA controls removed.

c. Documents of historical value, where deletion of all CORONA information is not desirable or feasible, and the documents are controlled under one or more [REDACTED] compartments or under [REDACTED] and other compartmented control systems, will be made available only to individuals who have:

1. A "must know" requirement as determined by a responsible senior official.

2. A [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] Study Number [REDACTED] Access Approval, as appropriate.

3. Appropriate Access Approvals for materials protected by other compartmented control systems if the CORONA document reflects such control systems.

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Director of Special Projects

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HANDLE VIA [REDACTED]  
CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY

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