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19 January 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS), CIA

SUBJECT: Discoverer Schedule

1. Reference my memoranda, subject as above, dated 10 December 1960, and 6 January 1961.

2. This memorandum confirms the further revision to the Discoverer program as outlined below:

a. SAMOS is now scheduled for launch 26 January 1961. Since the tracking station can work only one vehicle at a time, 1104 will be rescheduled at the earliest possible date subsequent to SAMOS launch.

b. 1102 will be rescheduled for launch subsequent to launch of 1104.

c. Continue to schedule both 1106 and 1025 for the same launch date. The criteria for decision is whether pictures were obtained from earth and stellar oriented cameras in 1104, with decision to be made within a few days subsequent to recovery, essentially right after film processing. Hold commitment to GE until decision is made and accept the resulting slippage on 1025 in schedule.

3. Please take necessary action to implement the above changes and to notify the proper personnel.

(Signed)

JOSEPH V. CHARYK

Under Secretary of the Air Force

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