



**I. Chronological development**

A. On 29 August mission was added to the master schedule with a launch date of 28 September 1961. At this time mission was scheduled as an ARCON mission.

B. On 5 September the mission was briefed and camera ON-OFF points transmitted in case the mission would become a CORONA mission.

C. On 9 September mission was officially changed to a CORONA mission.

D. On 27 September mission was rescheduled for launch on 2 October because of fuel flow problems in the Thor and Agena IEP Transistor Changes.

E. On 28 September mission was rescheduled for launch on 13 October to provide more time to analyze failure of mission 9024.

F. On 3 October [REDACTED] was briefed on the advantages of substituting camera program for mission 9026 for this mission. He approved.

G. Mission was launched at 1922 $\frac{1}{2}$ Z, 13 October after an unknown delay from the scheduled time of 1900Z.

## II. Mission Operation

- A. Launch normal (show orbital characteristics).
- Use WX overlay { B. Decision on passes 3, 4, 5 made by [REDACTED]
- C. Command decision on pass 6 made by [REDACTED]
- D. Command decision on passes 7, 8, 9 made by [REDACTED]
- E. Reported WX review by [REDACTED]
- F. Briefing on vehicle malfunction received still 18 Z. Briefing held and decision transmitted at 1223Z.

## III. Problem Areas and Recommended Action

- A. Computer malfunction at [REDACTED] prevented plotting of actual ephemeris until after first day's decision was made. ACTION: None.
- B. Uninvited visitors in Control Center. ACTION: Security provide access list to Control Center including Badge numbers of VIPs. Answer question of who can vouch for personnel and who can decide-- "need to know".
- C. COSMO on standby status at [REDACTED]. ACTION: Visit [REDACTED] in conjunction with a staff visit and discuss problem with them.
- D. Film degradation. ACTION: Get status from DE/EPD.
- E. Reported WX versus Forecast WX. ACTION: Remarks from WX Section.

## IV. Comparative Analysis with Critique of Mission 9019 - 14 July 61.

- A. Problem areas that have not been solved or are being repeated:

1. Uninvited visitors in Control Center.
2. Notification of the London Station.

3. Areas of Improvement

1. Stabilized orbit period is four days.
2. Cover story current and on hand.
3. Actual ephemeris plotting in sufficient time.
4. Control Center manning adequate for these conditions.
5. Targeting is presented with target priorities being defined.
6. Over-programming no problem during winter months.