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I Collection of Intelligence

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Several significant meetings concerning Project CORONA were held during the month and are summarized as follows:

6 June - Dr. Flax, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of NRO visited CIA's CORONA facility at Palo Alto, Calif.

7 June - OSP representatives met with personnel from ITEK and LMSC at Palo Alto to develop a test plan for using the Delta camera to investigate feasibility for using color, infra-red and ultra-speed black and white film in CORONA system.

14 June - Performance Evaluation Team met at NPIC to review results of CORONA mission 1033. This mission was designed to maximize coverage of Sino-Soviet missile bases. Although generally degraded by atmospheric conditions. The potential on this mission was typically high.

15 June - Delta test plan developed on 7 June at Palo Alto was reviewed by representatives from OSP, CSA, NPIC, LMSC, ITEK, and EK. Next step is to review with AF Aerial Recon Lab personnel at W-PAFB to preclude unnecessary duplication of effort.

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16 June - Tidwell, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of COMOR were briefed on the calibration problems of the Pan Geometry system. OSP position is to continue effort to improve P.G. system because of the value to the J-3 program. Pursuing the P.G. program will have no deleterious effect on the intelligence mission for CORONA.

21 June - CORONA Mission 1034 is successfully launched into a near nominal contract. Negotiations were conducted with LMSC for level of effort for Operations and Analysis (O&A) Payload Integration (P/I) and for Payloads J-40 through J-50. The O&A and P/I work was settled at [REDACTED] and the J-40 through J-50 costs at [REDACTED].

26 June - First capsule recovered from mission 1034. Supply spools were filled. Second capsule scheduled for recovery on 1 July. Pressure make-up unit, designed as a CORONA discharge suppression device developed a leak early in mission and was exhausted by Rev. 37. Had the CIA not stood firm in its insistence that CORONA suppression be accomplished passively by careful dielectric matching within the system two-thirds of this mission could have been lost. As it was, the system suffered no degradation to the operational program due to the loss of the PMU.

II RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Photo Satellites

1. Programmatic

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