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MEMORANDUM FOR: Headquarters, USAF
AFCIG-5

ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: Message to A&S

In order to get cloud cover weather requirement for CORONA underway, request you send the following message to the Commander, A&S. Suggest the message be marked "To be opened by Commander or Deputy Commander A&S only."

1. Reference is made to Project WS 117-L. It is anticipated that USAF will be in a position to test fire the first vehicle of this Project in the very near future, and that the first vehicle with a photo reconnaissance capability will be available shortly thereafter. It is necessary that the photo reconnaissance vehicles be fired at times of minimum cloud cover within the USSR. You are therefore requested to take such action as necessary to:

a. Prepare climatological studies of cloud cover within the USSR to assist in determining the most feasible periods for firing.

b. Render cloud cover forecasts of target areas for the firing control center.

2. Further details will be made available to you through the office of [redacted] (AFCIG-5). Your liaison channel for this support will be through his office.

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Colonel USAF
Director of Operations

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