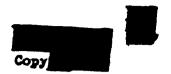
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: Chief, Administrative Branch, DFD-DD/P Acting Chief, DFD-DD/P

SUBJECT : Project CONCHA (Use of ANPA PIO,

1. In a conversation with the Cover Officer, DPD, an issue was highlighted suggesting a misunderstanding on my part as to use of Public Information Officer, ARPA.

- 2. It is my recollection, refreshed by review of my records, on 5 Movember 1975 you edvised (Market of ARPA that the ARPA Public Information Officer, could and should be aware of COROMA matters to better appreciate implications of questions put to him by the press or public. The following week there was some discussion as to the status of (Market of Information in the ARPA PIO position. It is my understanding it was subsequently decided we would make the best of the situation by accepting (Market of COROMA information as the PIO of ARPA, but not bring him into operational matters.
- J. In accord with the above, I have given the accurity briefing and on a couple of occasions he has alarted us concerning press; situations having security implications. I also find he generally accompanies Mr. Boy Johnson when the latter has a press conference or appears before a countitee or the public. In this respect, on 12 March the requested an opportunity to review our proposed explanations for the specific shots in the CONOMA series. When this was explored with the specific shots in the received an injunction from you not to have empthing to do with the PIO of ANPA and CONOMA press matters will be handled through Air Force.
- 4. While I appreciate the factors which precipitated conclusion, I feel it is unrealistic. ARPA is the public head of DISCOVERER and the FIO is susceptible to constant

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inquiry. To evoid putting ARPA in an extmard position which might give an appearance of your Administrative control, suggest something secretive about BISCOVERER, or imply we have excluded ARPA, I recommend we use the comment as suggested above and the comment of the comment of the press program with this officer.

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