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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with ARPA to Discuss CIA/ARPA and Army Responsibilities in Project ARCON

1. A meeting was held 30 June in [redacted] office to discuss above subject with the following people present: [redacted] of ARPA; [redacted] from Army Map Service; and [redacted] and [redacted] from CIA.
2. At this meeting the contents of [redacted] were discussed. This memo stated briefly that CIA would be the technical managers of Project ARCON and would solicit ARPA and Army Map Service technical guidance on any problem areas in order to arrive at an acceptable joint solution to any problems arising from the program.
3. [redacted] noted that this particular memo was a direct reversal of his proposal and was addressed solely to payload areas rather than to the entire system. [redacted] felt that his original paper dealt with the entire DISCOVERER system and envisaged ARPA/CIA as technical managers of not only the payload but also the I17-I Bull Mastler vehicle and the THER system.
4. It was [redacted] opinion that LMD was more of a contract manager in the present setup than a technical monitor. It was the intent of [redacted] in his original memo to establish more technical guidance by competent ARPA technicians over the entire program. He felt that LMD was presently responsible for the technical aspect and expressed fears that continuation of this practice might lead to another VANGUARD type of program.
5. In order to insure security of the payload, both COBOLA and ARCON, [redacted] felt that all guidance from ARPA should be directed through CIA. Within this concept, CIA would be knowledgeable of all ARPA inputs and would participate in all discussions relative to any guidance directed to LMD and LMS.
6. [redacted] made reference to discussions between himself and Mr. Bissell relative to the proposed ARPA/CIA monitoring group for the DISCOVERER series and felt that his original paper was an extension of this type of group and therefore is in line with Mr. Bissell's thinking.

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7. All members present at the meeting agreed that [REDACTED] was addressed mainly to the payload and consequently the entire ARPA/CIA involvement in the DISCOVERY series was a new subject and could be discussed at the 3 July meeting.

8. [REDACTED] was desirous of having an agreed CIA/ARPA position on this new problem before attending the meeting and will probably attempt to discuss this matter with Mr. Bissell prior to the meeting.

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