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30 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Operations, DPS/DCI

SUBJECT : Proposed Approach to AWS Re CORONA

REFERENCE : Memorandum for SA/PD/DCI, from Director of Operations, Subject "THOR-ABLE Launch" dated 29 July 1958 [redacted]

1. I have read the reference and in general am in agreement with it. I believe, however, that we should postpone our approach to the AWS for a short time.

2. My reason is simply that we have hardly begun to discuss operational plans with the Ballistic Missile Division and Lockheed Systems Division. Although I assume we will eventually require the services listed in paragraph 3 of your memorandum, I think we should inquire of BMD as to why they have not yet laid any requirement on AWS. Just as soon as we are a little clearer as to operational procedures and arrangements I would concur in your recommendation.

3. Colonel Sheppard will be in town all day on 30 July and possibly on part of 31 July. I would suggest that as a matter of urgency you take advantage of this opportunity to discuss this matter with him. I believe you can reach him through [redacted]

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