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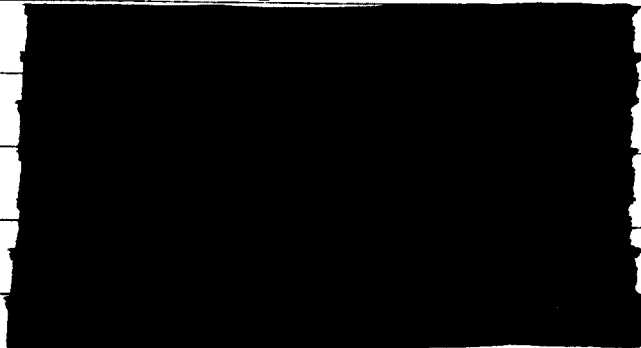
Subject Discoverer.

1. A meeting was held in Gen. Wilson's office on this date to discuss the Air Force participation in the follow on Discoverer - Corona program. Those attending included:

Gen Estes

Gen Watson

Gen Boushey



2. Copies of the papers from Mr Bisell to the Deputy Secretary of Defense approving the extension of Project Corona were discussed. Gen Estes stated that the approval as written precluded the Air Force ~~having~~ ~~an opportunity to~~ from taking over the program. Gen Watson furthered the discussion and it was agreed that they ^{working} Committee would investigate the Pros and Cons concerning the advantage of the AF taking over the Corona program or continuing under the present

management procedures.

3. [REDACTED] is Chairman of this Committee.
Members include [REDACTED]

4. Other subjects discussed included: the extension of clearances to other individuals. Requests had been submitted to CIA; contingency plan for recovery of future Discoverer launches; and the AF-CIN exploitation plan.

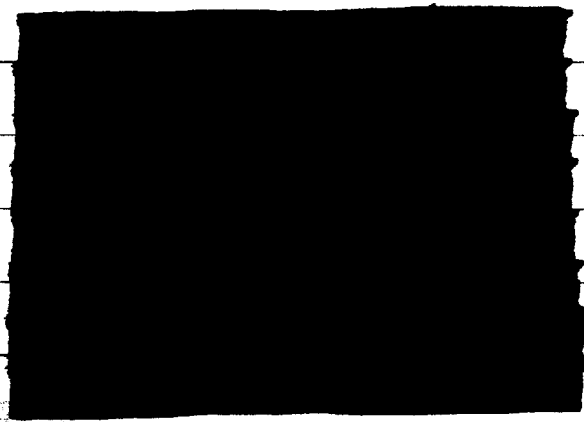
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17 April 1959

1 A briefing was presented to the following by Col [redacted] on this date:

- Maj Gen Estes.
- Maj Gen Preston
- Maj Gen Watson
- B Gen Bouskey



2 Col [redacted] covered the background of the Discoverer program which included the authorization for 19 Thor 117L packages. This was subsequently reduced to 13 Thor to include 3 Pro medical payloads, two engineering tests and 8 Corona payloads. The CIA would procure the Corona payloads handle White House approval and weather and process the outputs of the 8 shots.

3 with the proposed addition it would allow for a total of 17 shots in CY 59 with the remainder in CY 60. The addition

would include 12 shots. The cost of package as the original Corona. This would total out at 25. BMD has authority to procure 19 Thor-117L ^{missiles} for 6 additional Thor-117L ^{missiles} per payload.

4. BMD requires a cover plan for the additional 12 shots and desires that this be brought to the attention of the JCS in preparing the Sentry cover plan.

5. Discussion started on the possible use of the last four shots for Discoverer seeds. The Arpa-Army mapping and charting satellite. No firm opinion on this as it is considered a rumor stage. As a result of this discussion Gen. Boushey asked Intelligence to substantiate their claim by mail facts regarding their position in a memo to ARPA that more target information is required instead of mapping as the present mapping and charting data is sufficient for the time being in view of the CEP errors of the existing missiles. Such a paper will be prepared by Intelligence

6. The advisability of the Air Force taking over the program from Corona slot # 9 was discussed. Gen Watson would prefer the Air Force to handle the operation, maintenance, White House approval, output from Corona, and ground processing equipment.

7. As it was rumored that the President had made a decision on the follow on program it was agreed to investigate ~~the situation~~ after the approval paper

Mr. [redacted]

Subject: [redacted]

13 March 1954

A conference was held [redacted] to discuss several program areas regarding Project Discoverer. The program was [redacted] mounted end of production line for those boosters. [redacted] Discoverer program [redacted] conducted there will be required [redacted] [redacted] attention of those line in an [redacted] [redacted] also agreed.

[redacted] - AFCIN - discussed the [redacted] of Air Force participation in data acquisition and exploitation. Problems [redacted] will be resolved. These problems will be [redacted] at a later date.

Those in attendance included:

[redacted]