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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 10 February 1959 - OTHER PROJECTS

Personnel Present: [redacted] Mr. Bissell, [redacted] Mr. Kucera, Mr. Kiefer [redacted], Mr. Kelly [redacted]

CORONA:

1. [redacted] reported on a recent proposal to employ the ARDC U-2 based at EAFB in the nose cone recovery phase of DISCOVERY off the Hawaiian coast. It has been proposed that the U-2 be used as an airborne monitoring station. The proposal has been put to the ARDC representative at EAFB for evaluation, and concurrently, the DPD Security Staff is evaluating the risk to the [redacted] Program in the projected use of the U-2 equipment. [redacted] added that he did not see any major security implications inherent in such use of the equipment if proper controls were agreed upon.

ACTION: [redacted]

2. [redacted] reported excellent progress in the continuing CPX that has been run by the Operations Staff over the past several months. It has been necessary to work on a 72 hour weather forecast, with resultant rather low confidence factors, but aside from that, it is expected that CORONA launchings will procedurally not differ greatly from the formula used in [redacted] operations. However, one weatherman will be required to be on duty in Operations at all times in order to provide necessary continuity. [redacted]

APPROVED:

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