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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Chronology of Milestones Pertinent to CSP and its Activities

1. 15 April 1958 - Project CORONA photo reconnaissance satellite authorized by the White House. CIA (Development Projects Division, DDP) was assigned the responsibility for the development of reconnaissance equipment and for management of collection requirements, security, and cover operations.
2. 11 August 1960 - First successful recovery of package from orbit by any nation.
3. 18 August 1960 - First successful air snatch of recovery vehicle containing photographic film.
4. March 1962 - Following several improvement modifications in CORONA camera design, two cameras employed to provide stereo coverage.
5. June 1963 - CIA commencing study on covert/readout satellite (ZOSTER).
6. August 1963 - CORONA flies the first double recovery vehicle.
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8. January 1964 - DD/S&T conducted studies with photointerpreters of NPIC to ascertain resolution required to identify various USIB requirements. Results demonstrated that majority of targets could be properly identified with 2 to 4 feet resolution wide swath width to give maximum coverage necessary.

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9. February 1964 - Using personnel from various offices and staffs within the DD/S&T, study undertaken with Itak Corporation to determine the feasibility and potential intelligence value of various individual sensors and combinations thereof. This effort resulted in what was then known as the F camera design, capable of producing 2 to 3 foot resolution over a wide swath width.

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Pages 3 through 4 are not provided because their full text does not contain CORONA, ARGON, LANYARD programmatic information.