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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CORONA Project Office Goals for 1968

1. The primary goal of the CORONA Project Office is to continue to provide an improved photographic product for national intelligence estimates. To accomplish this it is our firm intention to have knowledge, understanding, and control of technical problems that may occur in the J-1 and J-3 payload systems, to strive for rapid and correct solutions to such problems, to maintain vigilance over payload preparations for launch and on-orbit operations, to insure that adequate communications flow among all essential levels of responsibility and authority, to respond actively and positively to valid requests, to keep abreast of applicable "state of the art" and to maintain a strong "esprit de corps" among all members of the CORONA payload team. Of course, the primary goal must be realized within the CORONA payload manpower and cost budget.

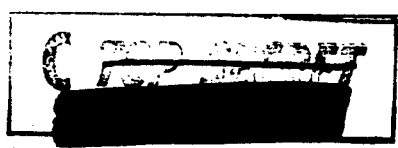
2. In specific, the following are our goals for 1968.

- a. Maintain management and budget control of the CORONA Payload Project.
- b. Continue frequent liaison with Headquarters, other cognizant Government agencies and industry.
- c. Conduct Payload Information Meetings.
- d. Conduct periodic (weekly) staff meetings to disseminate pertinent information, investigate problems and assure that appropriate action is assigned and/or being taken.
- e. Conduct briefings on the status and future plans for the CORONA Payload Project.
- f. Maintain planning for emergency situations, future flight schedules, potential product improvements and organizational changes.

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g. Maintain status of the CORONA payload software and hardware and program funding.

h. Insure that proper Agency security is maintained, providing local direction and maintaining knowledge of the community climate.

i. Keep alert to the needs and planning for the Communications facility and provide guidance and support as required.

j. Define basic performance characteristics of J-3 vehicle; distribute reports on these characteristics (based on CR-1 through 4) throughout the community.

k. Demonstrate capability of utilizing UTB film by flying two full flight loads. Identify problems associated with UTB and take steps to solve them.

l. Develop procedures and expertise in bi-spectral and camouflage detection photography to the point that they have become a routine operational tools if required.

m. Completely define capability and characteristics of SO-230 film by flying at least one full flight load.

n. Complete first flight with digital shift register.

o. Collect orbital flight data on various special filters and films; disseminate information and analyses on these items throughout community. Spur community effort to develop methods of exploiting these special capabilities.

p. Improve orbit select using the [redacted] program starting on March 1968 launch.

q. Improve the operations take by use of [redacted] and the new [redacted] command system.

r. Improve operations take from DISIC if DISIC intermix is approved.

s. Periodically review pre-launch procedures to reduce non-operations payload expenditure.

t. Maintain continual review of operations procedures and establish firm SOPs to improve overall operations and system performance.



u. Continue the close working relations with the SOC to insure that all personnel understand the payload system and its limitations and restrictions.

v. Guide the development and use of the [redacted] program. Conduct a number of CPXs during the latter part of the year using both [redacted] and [redacted] to prepare the Resident Office, STC, SOC, and Headquarters staff for the first launch of the [redacted] system in November 1968.

w. Continue to strive for ways to optimize film utility.

x. Establish procedures for operating the [redacted] system within the STC. Including necessary cross-check procedures between the STC command generation personnel and the Resident Office Staff. Establish necessary backup command generation procedures and prepare command procedure for tracking station voice backup commands.

y. Continue on-the-job training for new employees, providing necessary guidance and supervision. Provide a challenge for all employees to ensure job satisfaction.

z. Continue to encourage communications, coordination, and cooperation among all members of the Project Staff. Conduct periodic appraisal reviews with staff members.

