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29 December 1960

**MEMORANDUM FOR :** Deputy Director (Plans)

**THROUGH :** Acting Chief, Development Projects Division, DD/P 3-9

**SUBJECT :** Discoverer Meeting

1. Dr. Charyk, [Redacted] and I discussed several items pertinent to the Discoverer program yesterday in Dr. Charyk's office.

2. The firing schedule as proposed by DD in their message [Redacted] 28 December, was agreed upon. This new schedule differs from that proposed in Dr. Charyk's memo to you of 18 December 1960 in that overall about one month slippage is present between January and May in all shots due to you late arrival time and you modifications. The Charyk schedule is essentially retained by June and held thereafter as follows:

January 1961	1 ANCH	
February 1961	1 IN	
March 1961	1 CONCHA	1 ANCH
April 1961	1 CONCHA	
May 1961	2 CONCHA	
June 1961	1 CONCHA	1 ANCH
July 1961	1 CONCHA	1 ANCH
August 1961	2 CONCHA	1 ANCH
September 1961	1 CONCHA	1 ANCH
October 1961	2 CONCHA	
November 1961	1 [Redacted]	
December 1961	1 [Redacted]	

3. The Rio shot (1025) is not now scheduled firmly. [Redacted] will instruct DD to prepare this payload for firing in March in place of the 2nd ANCH engineering flight with final decision to be made after the 1st ANCH shot has been made in January. If the 2nd ANCH shot is required due to failure of the 1st, the Rio payload will slip to end of the program.

4. The two [Redacted] payloads in November and December are to be acknowledged as part of Success at an appropriate later time. Dr. Charyk and [Redacted] are coordinating their interests and developments of "Free Ride" [Redacted] equipment.

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5. Dr. Chark is aware that there are arguments for and against surfacing the ANCH program as a cover for COMINT and that any such decision would need to make in line with an expression of policy from the new Administration.

6. A meeting will be scheduled within the next two weeks to discuss the LMSI program cost proposal. A one shot demonstration is estimated at [REDACTED] by LMSI although they seem to have had a minimum of input from [REDACTED] on the subject.

7. The benefits expected are: earlier learning period for photo interpreters to prepare for E-6; insurance against catastrophe in E-6 program. Against these are: high cost; one shot risk; engineering uncertainties to do the job within a reasonable time prior to E-6.

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