

10 December 1960

**MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS), CIA**

**SUBJECT: Revised DISCOVERER Schedule**

1. This memorandum confirms the revision to the DISCOVERER program which has resulted from recent review of the several interests that are concerned. The approved schedule is attached hereto.

2. Specific comments on the revised program follow:

a. There has been no change in the CORONA schedule.

b. The ARGON schedule has been increased from four to six flights. This increase will not require purchase of additional payloads, as two previously unscheduled flyable payloads are available. There will be a modest amount of funds required to cover added costs such as installation, check-out, reduction of data, etc. These added costs will be taken from funds presently available to the DISCOVERER program. One of these two additional ARGON flights has been scheduled in lieu of the BIO shot (#1025); the other has been scheduled on a previously unassigned DISCOVERER.

c. The BIO flight (vehicle #1025) is not specifically scheduled at the present time, pending resolution of discussions which are continuing. Until these discussions are resolved and specific decisions announced, it is imperative that no statement be made which reveals or infers that #1025 is either scheduled at an early specific date, or postponed indefinitely.

d. [REDACTED]

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e. In conformance with our recent discussions we are now preparing a new DISCOVERER cover plan which will be based primarily upon research and development of a geodetic satellite. This plan will be presented to you for coordination and discussion at an early date.

3. Please take the necessary action to implement the attached schedule and to notify the proper personnel. I wish to be notified promptly of any circumstances which may lead to changes in this schedule.

Signed:

**JOSEPH V. CHARYK**  
Under Secretary of the Air Force

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Discoverer Schedule  
dtd 10 Dec 60

Info copy to: Lt Gen B. A. Schriever  
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Col Paul Worthman  
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**DISCOVERER SCHEDULE**

Launch No.	Agency	Payload Type	Date	Pad	Remarks
18	1103	C1	6 Dec 60	4	
19	1101	RM-1	20 Dec 60	5	200 pin umbilical 5 day
20	1104	A	10 Jan 61	4	Engineering
21	1102	Rai-2	Jan 61	5	200 pin umbilical 5 day
22	1105	A	Feb 61	4	Engineering
23	1106	A C1	Feb 61	5	
24	1107	C1	Mar 61	4	
25	1108	C1	Apr 61	5	
26	1109	C1	Apr 61	4	
27	1110	C1	May 61	5	
28	1111	C III	Jun 61	75-1	
29	1112	A	Jun 61	4	
30	1113	C III	Jul 61	5	
31	1114	A	Jul 61	75-1	
32	1115	C III	Aug 61	4	
33	1116	A	Aug 61	5	
34	1117	C III	Sep 61	75-1	
35	1118	A	Sep 61	4	
36	1119	C III	Oct 61	5	
37	1120	C III	Oct 61	75-1	
38	1121 —		Nov 61	4	
39	1122 —		Dec 61	5	

*get current schedule  
for [redacted]*

NOTE: BIO Shot (#1025) is presently unassigned. See Attached Memorandum for Explanation

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# DISCOVERER LAUNCH SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DISCOVERER No.</u>		<u>PAD NUMBER</u>		
			<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>75-1</u>
<u>MONTH DAY YEAR</u>					
DEC 20 61	<u>XIV</u>		1101(RM)		
JAN 17 61	<u>XV</u>		1104 •		
FEB 61	<u>XVI</u>			1102(RM)	
MAR 61	<u>XVII</u> <u>XVIII</u>		1105	1106 •	
<u>PAD MODIFICATION</u>					
APR 61	<u>XIX</u>		1107		
MAY 61	<u>XX</u> <u>XXI</u>			1109	1108
JUN 61	<u>XXII</u> <u>XXIII</u>		1110 •		1111
JUL 61	<u>XXIV</u> <u>XXV</u>		1113	1112 •	
AUG 61	<u>XXVI</u> <u>XXVII</u> <u>XXVIII</u>		1116	1115	1114 •
SEPT 61	<u>XXIX</u> <u>XXX</u>			1118	1117 •
OCT 61	<u>XXXI</u> <u>XXXII</u>		1119		1120
NOV	<u>XXXIII</u>			1121	
DEC	<u>XXXIV</u> <u>XL</u>		1025		1122

NOTES APPROVED BY DR. CHERYK ON 28 DEC. 1960

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