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24 August 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Material Staff, BFD-DD/P  
Chief, Security Branch, BFD-DD/P

SUBJECT : Movement of Film to West Coast

1. Immediate Action Requested: It is requested that you take action to move two rolls of J-23-7600 material from the Washington storage facility to [redacted] in Palo Alto via commercial aircraft as soon as possible. Courier requested.

2. Identification of Film: Records show there are nine rolls of J-23 material in the warehouse for shipment to Customer "V", color coded red over white [redacted]. Two of these rolls should be marked for Customer "V", color coded yellow over red and ship via commercial aircraft to meet the requirement in paragraph 1.

3. Deferred Action Requested: Since our C-54 is still not firmly scheduled for a flight to the west coast and several weeks have passed since Ed Green shipped material from his facility, it is requested that two of the remaining seven rolls of J-23-7600 be for Customer "V" be re-designated to Customer "V" when the C-54 makes its next trip to the west coast. These may be dropped off at Moffett if this is more convenient to the aircrew. This leaves five rolls of J-23-7600 for Customer "V" on the same aircraft.

4. Justification: During the loading operations on 21 August the flange retaining bolts were cross threaded on one roll of J-23 at Vandenberg. We were unable to use this roll or the backup roll currently loaded for operation. Of the two rolls shipped via commercial air on 22 August for Vandenberg, one roll arrived with the safety seals missing. There was no evidence of tampering, however, this does make this roll suspect as an operational item. This leaves only one roll of

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only J-23 for the landing operation scheduled for 27 August 1961. Therefore, in order to provide adequate backup for this next operation and the succeeding one, two more rolls of J-23 should be shipped not later than 25 August 1961.

SIGNED

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Distribution:

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