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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans) 22 SEP 1961
 THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division
 SUBJECT : COMRA Status Report
 REFERENCE : [redacted] 19 Sept. 1961, from ED/P to [redacted]

1. This memorandum is for your information.
2. After consultation with [redacted] and Col. Bettle, instructions have been sent to effect the following:
 - a. No change in Discoverer XIII payload C¹⁰⁰-96 to be launched on 28 September. There had been the option to delay this until a later flight to enable Itak to make changes to produce uniform high quality. Itak has suggested only minor adjustments which can be done without delaying a launch on 28 September.
 - b. Preparation of C¹⁰⁰-98 for possible flight on ACOMA 1116 on 19 October or ACOMA 1117 on 26 October. This camera was for test use only.
 - c. Return of C¹⁰⁰-94 from Lockheed to Itak for continued experiments to improve quality of C¹⁰⁰ series.
3. Schedules of delivery and cost quotations are being worked out with Lockheed, Itak and G.E. to increase the number of possible MERAL flights from 10 to 15 in 1962.
4. The present approved schedule of launches that remain in the program through the first MERAL engineering flight is:

<u>Discoverer No.</u>	<u>ACOMA</u>	<u>Payload</u>	<u>Launch Date</u>
32	1115	C ¹⁰⁰ -96	28 Sept.
33	1116	A	19 Oct.
34	1117	A	26 Oct.
35	1118	C ¹⁰⁰	Nov.
36	1119	C ¹⁰⁰	Dec.
37	1120	H	Jan.

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The CORONA payload inventory including the above consists of:

- C¹⁰⁰-96, at VAFB ready for flight 28 September.
- C¹⁰⁰-92, being readied by Itel for flight. Could be used on 19 or 26 October flights with SO-132 emulsion or later flights with SO-130 emulsion.
- C¹-23 }
C¹-24 } Two of these intended for flights in November and
C¹-25 } December; all three are flight ready for use any time.
- C¹-5) In storage, desirability of preparing one as back-up
C¹-12) being investigated.

5. Col. Battle reports that there is an opportunity to increase the six THOR-AGENA's now scheduled as above before the MERAL program is well underway in 1962. However, we will be able, if so directed by the Killian Committee, to launch CORONA payloads as follows between now and January 1962:

<u>Discoverer No.</u>	<u>AGENA</u>	<u>Payload</u>	<u>Launch Date</u>
32	1115	C ¹⁰⁰ -96	28 Sept.
33	1116	C ¹⁰⁰ -92 or C ¹	19 Oct.
34	1117	C ¹ or C ¹⁰⁰ -92	26 Oct.
35	1118	C ¹	Nov.
36	1119	C ¹	Dec.
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