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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Weather Staff, DFD
SUBJECT: Weather Planning Factors for Future COMBIA Missions

1. As we enter the planning phase for future COMBIA missions it is imperative that the COMBIA Section be furnished your estimates of weather forecasting capabilities.
2. As you know, we are evaluating the capability of delaying a launch in order to take advantage of improving weather conditions. This action poses the question, when in time should a go-no-go decision be made? At this time our interests lie in areas rather than specific targets. However, do not limit your planning factors to areas if you have data available on your capabilities to forecast individual targets.
3. I am extremely interested in the reliability of forecasts as they are effected by time, expressed in intervals of days prior to launch. This could include targeting forecasts as explained above and movement of systems across targets of interest.

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