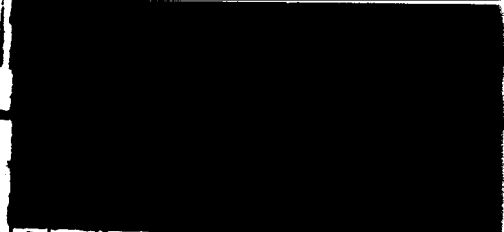


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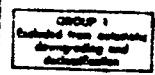
1. HAS TAKEN ACTION TO ESTABLISH A TECHNICAL TASK FORCE TO ASSIST IN THE ANALYSIS OF THE CORONA PROGRAM UTB PROBLEM (MISSION 1105). THE TASK LEADER ASSIGNED IS WILL BE ASSISTED BY AND MR. V. WEBB. ALL THREE MEN HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE ON THE CORONA PROGRAM AND ARE INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH THE CORONA CAMERA.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE USE OF UTB IN THE J-3 SYSTEM WAS APPROVED BY YOUR OFFICE AS A DESIGN GOAL RATHER THAN A DESIGN REQUIREMENT, AND SEVERAL ITERATIONS OF ROLLER MODIFICATION HAVE TAKEN PLACE AS THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM HAS PROGRESSED AND

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ADDITIONAL DATA ON UTB CHARACTERISTICS HAS BECOME AVAILABLE. IN THE INITIAL J-3 PLAN, CR-6 WAS TO BE THE FIRST TEST FLIGHT FOR UTB, BUT AS A RESULT OF FAVORABLE RESULTS ON 1103, CR-5 WAS RETROFITTED FOR UTB IN THE FIELD. CR-5'S ROLLER CONFIGURATION AND FILM TENSIONS WERE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER CR SYSTEM. CR-8 REPRESENTS THE FINAL UTB CONFIGURATION, AND IS THE FIRST SYSTEM ON WHICH THE MANUFACTURER FEELS ANOTHER UTB TEST COULD BE SUCCESSFULLY UNDERTAKEN. ACCORDINGLY, CORONA J-3 PAYLOADS CR-6 AND CR-7 WILL FLY WITH STB. TO ACCOMPLISH THE STB ^{replacement} ~~REQUEST~~, CR-6 MUST BE RETESTED WITH STB AND ITS EARLIEST FLIGHT AVAILABILITY WILL BE 15 JANUARY. SHOULD PAYLOAD J-50 REPLACE CR-6 FOR THE DECEMBER MISSION, THEN CR-6 WOULD BE READY FOR THE SCHEDULED FEBRUARY FLIGHT.

3. THE CR-8 UTB FLIGHT IS BEING SCHEDULED FOR ^{July} ~~APRIL~~ 1969

AND THE TASK FORCE WILL REVIEW THE WORK OF [REDACTED] AND HIS COORDINATING OFFICERS

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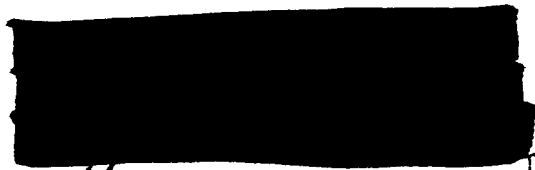
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PROJECT OFFICE TEAM TO INSURE THAT ADEQUATE TESTING ON UTB IS ACCOMPLISHED PRIOR TO ANY CERTIFICATION OF THIS SYSTEM FOR FLIGHT.

4. THE MISSION 1048-2 ANOMALY HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY ANALYZED BY THE PROJECT OFFICE AND A SEPARATE REPORT IS BEING FORWARDED TO YOU ON THIS SUBJECT.

END OF MESSAGE



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