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NOTES ON
SATELLITE DELAYS
FOR THE DIRECTOR

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CHART #1 : Lists those CORONA MURAL and CORONA-J Systems launched from January 1963 to date. Bar-graph shows:

- a. The relative delay in scheduled launches with number of days delay indicated in each bar.
- b. The results of the mission including whether good, partially successful or failure denoted by color code.

CHART #2 : List the same information as above for the [REDACTED]

TEXT : Notes the causes for missions not fully successful.
Statistical notes.

MISSION NUMBER

NUMBER OF DAYS DELAYED
CORONA AND MURAL SATELLITES

MISSION NUMBER	NUMBER OF DAYS DELAYED
9051-M	0 (no readout, system failed)
9052-M	4
9053-M	1
9054-M	12
9056-M	
9057-M	2
1001-J	18
1002-J	4
1003-J	
1004-J	
1005-J	
1006-J	
1007-J	
9060-M	3
9061-M	0 (no recovery, system failed)
9062-M	9
9063-M	CANCELLED AFTER 23 DAYS
1008-J	7
1009-J	7
1010-J	7
1011-J	7
1012-J	1

(each tic mark at top represents 1 week)

LEGEND




-  GOOD MISSION
-  PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL
-  FAILURE

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NUMBER OF DAYS DELAYED

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CHART #2

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DISCOVERER SERIES

- 9051 - Successful water pickup. Instrument functioned O. K. Orbit was 1000 miles out of the ball park due to Agena pitch. Both antennas burned in half.
- 9052 - First and third TAT boosters failed to separate. Missile was destructed 100 seconds after launch.
- 9053 - Successful air recovery. Had to recover after 49 rev's. Agena had a power supply problem (400 cycle inverter failed). Instrument operation O. K.
- 9054 - Successful air recovery. Mock "P" instrument. Instrument operation O. K. Capsule recovered on orbit 65. Master camera experienced minor light leaks.
- 9056 - Normal recovery operation on rev 65. "P" door failed to eject. Instrument operation O. K. Film from master camera seriously degraded by a light leak.
- 9057 - Successful air recovery. Lost center format closure on slave unit. Temperature in orbit in mid 80's °F. Recovered on orbit 64.
- 1001-1 Recovered on orbit 64. First use of "J" system. Master port horizon camera shutter remained open seriously fogging 1000 master frames. S/I failure. Main instrument operation O. K.
- 1002-2 Tried unsuccessful to recover capsule after 12 dormant days. 400 cycle inverter on Agena failed. Temperature sensors indicate vehicle ran hot.
- 9058 - Successful air recovery on orbit 65. Instrument operation was perfect.
- 1002-1 Capsule recovered on orbit 49. 80% of film degraded by heavy scratches, digs, and bands throughout. Master unit on cassette failed. Misadjustment on puck arm. Consistant light leak.

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- 1002-2 Tried unsuccessful to recover on Rev 165. Vehicle decoder failure (Agena).
- 9060 - System became unstable 90 seconds after launch. Agena failed to ignite. Shark bait.
- 9061 - Tried to recover after 81 revolutions (4 days) but capsule did not eject properly. Capsule remained in orbit.
- 9062 - Successful air recovery on Rev 81. Perfect instrument operation.
- 1004-1 Successful air recovery on orbit 49. Instrument operation very good.
- 1004-2 Successful air recovery on orbit 112. Instrument operation good.
- 1003 - No orbit due to Agena failure (Regulated power failure).
- 1005-1 Successful launch and orbit. No power from Agena due to pyro buss failure. Slave instrument failed.
- 1006-1 Successful air recovery. Second door stuck for 2 orbits. Instrument operation good.
- 1006-2 Successful air recovery. Instrument operation good.
- 1007-1 Successful air recovery. Instrument operation good. Resolution good.
- 1007-2 Successful air recovery. Instrument operation good.
- 1008-1 Successful air recovery. Instrument operation good.
- 1008-2 Successful air recovery. Instrument operation good.
- 1009-1 Successful air recovery. Instrument operation good. Agena beacon problem.
- 1009-2 Successful air recovery. Instrument operation good. Agena beacon problem.
- 1010 - Launched 14 September. Instrument operation good.
- 1011 - Launched 5 October. Successful recovery of first film bucket. Second bucket not recovered due to failure telemetry receiver.
- 1012 - Launched 17 October. Successful recovery of both buckets. Second bucket called down early due to command signal problems. Film recovered was minimal.

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CORONA "J"

#	Days Delay	# of Times Scheduled	Results	Reason
1001	18	5	IRV	Decoder
1002	24	5	IRV	Film Degraded
1003	190	19	F	Agena
1004	123	10	2RV	--
1005	185	11	F	Agena
1006	203	7	2RV	--
1007	34	8	2RV	--
1008	0	1	2RV	--
1009	30	5	2RV	--
1010	42	2	2RV	--
1011	4	2	1RV	Telemetry
1012	1	2	2RV	Command
Average	<u>71</u>	Total	<u>77</u>	

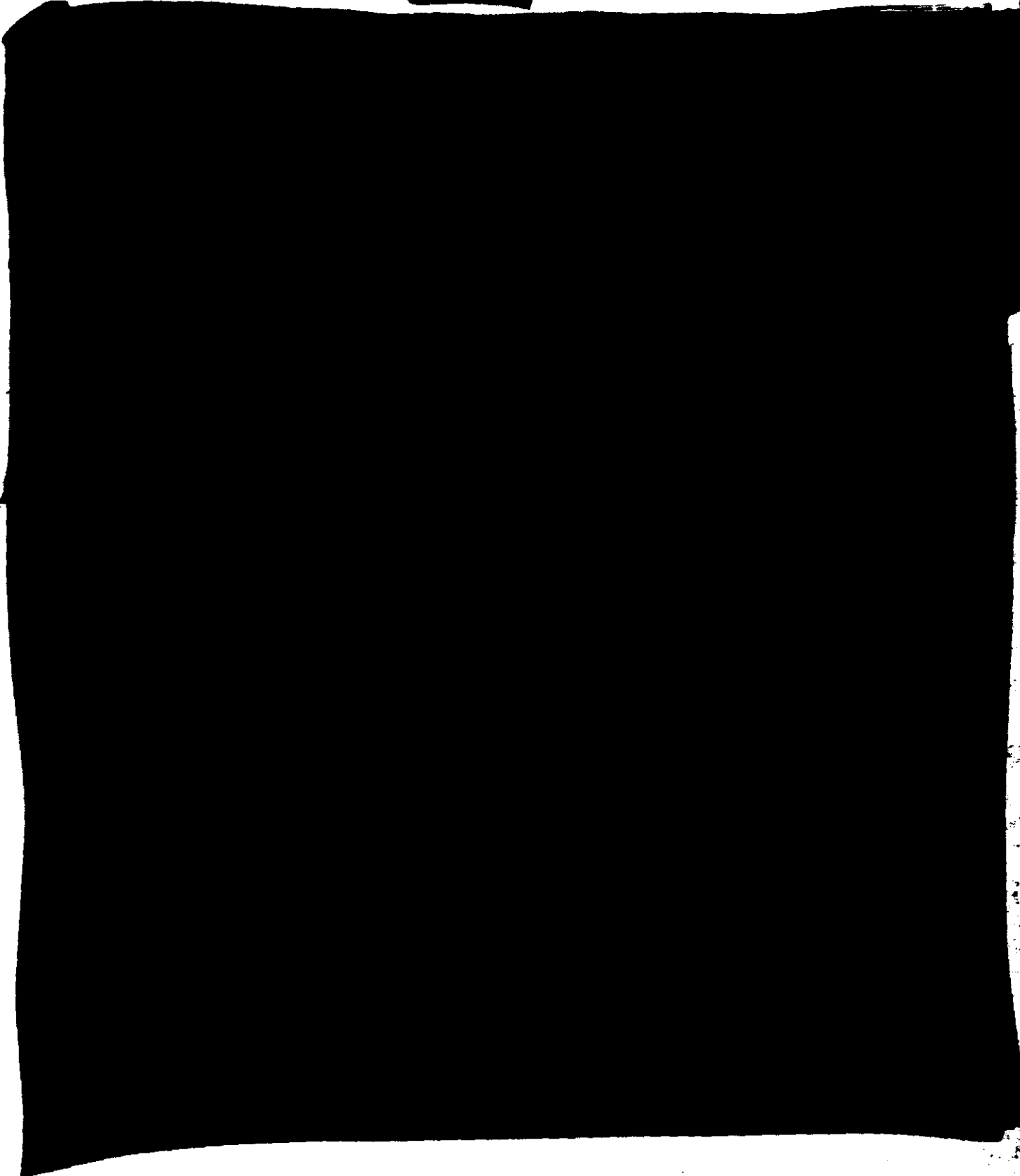
* F - Failure

1RV - Partially Successful

2RV - Successful

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CORONA MURAL (since Jan. 1963)

<u>#</u>	<u>Days Delay</u>	<u>No. of times scheduled</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Reason</u>
9051	0	1	F	Agna
9052	4	2	F	Booster
9053	1	2	P	Agna
9054	12	2	P	Camera
9056	26	2	F	Camera
9057	2	2	P	Camera
9060	3	2	F	Agna
9061	0	1	F	Capsule
9062	9	2	S	---
Ave	<u>6</u>	<u>Total 16</u>		

CORONA ARGON

<u>#</u>	<u>Days Delay</u>	<u>No. of times scheduled</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Reason</u>
9055	0	1	F	No orbit
9058	14	5	S	---
9059	11	5	S	---
9065	22	4	S	---
9066	4	2	S	---
Ave.	<u>10</u>	<u>Total 17</u>		

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NUMBER

CORONA AND MURAL SATELLITES

1 9 6 3

1 9 6 4

GOOD MISSION

PARTIAL SUCCESS

FAILURE

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

9062-M

9

9063-M

CANCELLED AFTER 23 DAYS

1008-J

16

1009-J

30

1010-J

42

1011-J

34

1012-J

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1013-J

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1014-J

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1015-J

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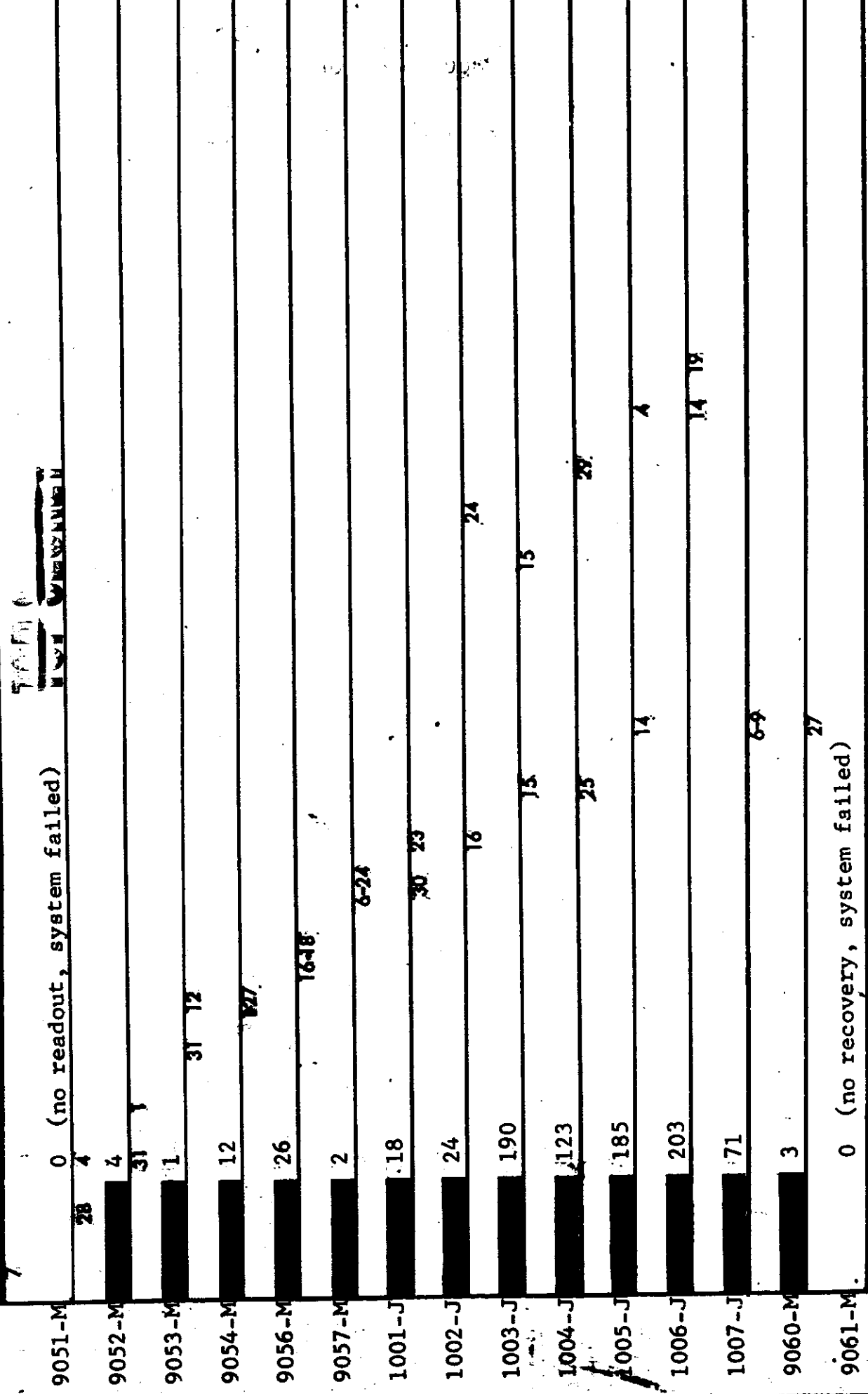
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	INITIAL SUCCESS	FAILURE
9051-M	0 (no readout, system failed)	
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1005-J	185	
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