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FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: J-23 FLIGHT LOADING & CERTIFICATION

Film from J-23 pad run and flight readiness was examined at VAFB on 12 August 1965. No difference in system performance could be detected between this film and film from previous operations at A/P. All data was present and acceptable. All scratch marks found were outside the format areas. No appreciable banding was found.

Some slight minus density longitudinal streaks were found, as before, where the fogging density was fairly uniform across the film. It is doubtful that these streaks could be detected in the random densities of a ground scene.

Most of the film samples were badly stained in processing. It is recommended that steps be taken to checkout the people and equipment responsible for this procedure to insure adherence to the applicable TP.

It has become customary to take note of the time span of the loading operation. J-23 was loaded for flight on 13 August 1965. No hitch developed and this operation was completed in 38 minutes. This short span has been equaled only on J-20. It is imperative that any semblance of a contest with time, or other teams, be eliminated, most particularly from the highly critical flight preparations. The participants should feel the pressure on their workmanship, not their speed.

J-23 has been and is a very "clean" system and meets all established criteria for flight readiness.

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