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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, CIA Reconnaissance Programs
SUBJECT : OSP's NRO Quarterly Report on NRP
Satellite Systems

Attached for your consolidation into an overall CIA Reconnaissance Report is OSP's NRO Quarterly Progress Report covering the third quarter of Fiscal Year 1972. Two additional copies are attached for Dr. McLucas, and one copy each of CORONA and [REDACTED] is attached for forwarding to [REDACTED].

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Director of Special Projects

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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

SATELLITE SYSTEMS

1 January 1972 Through 31 March 1972

I. CORONA PROGRAM

A. System Status

1. CR-16 was counted down to R-7 status to provide back-up capability for the [REDACTED] January launch. During post-load resistance checks the Programmable Memory Unit (PMU) leak rate was in excess of specification limit, requiring replacement of the PMU unit. CR-16 was released from R-7 status after successful launch and operation of the [REDACTED] system on 20 January 1972. Forebodies were replaced due to expiration of calendar life limits. The system is in final launch preparations for launch on 19 April 1972.

2. CR-8 - During the back-up preparations, a short to ground was found and traced to the filter change motor. The motor was removed and replaced. The system was counted down to R-10 to increase confidence in the system after which the system was recycled to a R-25 back-up status for CR-16, Mission 1116.

B. Missions this quarter - None.

C. Missions planned for next quarter - Mission 1116, 19 April 1972; Mission 1117, May 1972.

D. Meetings and briefings - None.

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