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SUBJECT : OSP's NRO Quarterly Report on NRP  
Satellite Systems

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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

SATELLITE SYSTEMS

1 April 1972 through 30 June 1972

I. CORONA PROGRAM

A. System Status

1. CR-16 (Mission 1116) was successfully launched on 19 April 1972. The "A" SRV was recovered on 30 April 1972 and the "B" SRV recovered on 8 May 1972. The PET (Performance Evaluation Team) meeting was held at NPIC on 25 May 1972. There was only one minor payload problem on orbit, which did not degrade the mission's operation or product. An MIP of 115 was assigned.

2. CR-8 (Mission 1117), the final CORONA payload, was successfully launched on 25 May 1972. Due to solar array failure to deploy, the mission was reduced to eight days (battery peak life). However, on day one a severe leak developed in the guidance gas system of the Agena which required that the "A" SRV be returned on 27 May and the "B" SRV returned on 31 May 1972. All payload systems performed as desired. The mission product was considered typical of the CORONA system.

3. The flight of Mission 1117 completed the CORONA Program. Phaseout of the program is in progress and is expected to be completed in the first quarter of FY 1973.

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