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MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE JAMES R. KILLIAN, JR.

Subject: Project CORONA



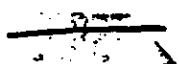
Mr. Stans has requested me to contact you with reference to the three reconnaissance satellites which were to be biomedical vehicles carrying primates. You will recall that there was some question as to whether these three missiles were in fact necessary.

In Richard Bissell's absence from Washington I discussed this matter at some length with two of his assistants. They emphasized that these three missiles are designed to provide the necessary cover. They will actually be biomedical vehicles. The results will be carefully analyzed and published. It was also pointed out that Mr. Johnson told you that the results of these tests would be of definite interest in connection with the Man-in-Space program.

I reported this explanation by Mr. Bissell's assistants to Mr. Stans. It was his previous understanding, however, that these three vehicles were in fact not going to be used for this purpose. Before accepting this explanation he wanted me to check this matter with you.

In view of your very tight schedule the next day or two I thought your answer might be such that I could get it through your secretary. Otherwise I will be very happy to come down to your office at your convenience.

*Robert M. Macy*  
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Chief, International Division



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August 27, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE ROBERT MACY

Subject: Project CORONA

In reply to your memorandum of today, I think the explanation is a reasonable one and I would be prepared to accept it.



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Special Assistant to the  
President for Science and  
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