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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Special Requirements Staff, DFD  
SUBJECT : Launching Schedule-CORONA Payloads

1. The Under Secretary of the Air Force has been appointed by the Secretary of Defense to be the focal point for all satellite reconnaissance activities. He has expressed a desire to have COMSEC select the relative priorities of ARGON versus CORONA payloads. At the present time the foreseeable schedule is as follows:

2 August	C Prime
22 August	C Triple Prime
29 August	C Triple Prime
8 September	C Triple Prime
26 September	Argon
October	Argon

2. Beyond this point there are four remaining vehicles in the current calendar year series. One of these has been allocated to an engineering test payload. The remaining three would be launched either in the fall and winter or postponed until spring of next year. The available payloads consist of one CORONA Triple Prime, four CORONA Prime, and one ARGON spare. If not fired until next spring, two additional C Triple Prime could be made available by that time.

3. I would like a report stating the position of COMSEC as to the next six firmly scheduled payloads or a preference for some rearrangement in the order of these payloads within the schedule for the next six launches. Payloads can be interchanged up to three weeks prior to scheduled launch date.

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