



16 September 1965

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: GEMINI Flight 5 Photography (DOD Experiments  
D-1, D-2 and D-6)

Mr. Sylvester, ASD(PA) called Dr. McMillan with regard to the handling of subject photography. Mr. Sylvester indicated that he needed rather quickly a briefing on the background in order that he might prepare a short statement for Mr. McNamara to have available at a press conference scheduled for 1430 hours, at which the subject of the handling of the DOD photography was sure to be raised.

General Stewart and Major Yost met at 1125 to prepare a background paper which outlined in some detail:

1. The three DOD experiments with objectives.
2. The associated camera equipment used.
3. The type and amount of film exposed.
4. The 1 September review of the product.
5. The subsequent review of selected frames by State.
6. The number and identification of those frames cleared for release.
7. The rationale underlying DOD action.

At 1145, General Stewart and Major Yost presented this background material to Dr. McMillan. Dr. McMillan stated that he felt Mr. McNamara's position in this matter should be one of stating, if asked, that a number of photographs were taken in connection with the DOD experiments, that several had already been cleared for release, that the remainder were photographs of military installations and would not be released.

Dr. McMillan called Mr. Sylvester indicating that he had a background statement on which a position could be based and asked if they could meet at once to discuss the matter.

Dr. McMillan, General Stewart and Major Yost proceeded to Mr. Sylvester's office to meet with him, Mr. Goulding and Mr. Split

Dr. McMillan presented the background statement. Mr. Sylvester considered the information adequate to prepare a short statement for Mr. McNamara. A detailed discussion of events to date ensued from which several points on which to base the DOD position were derived:

1. On Experiment D-1, 12 usable frames (4 B/W, 8 color/IR) were obtained. All have been cleared for release.
2. On Experiment D-6, 64 usable frames (56 B/W, 8 color) were obtained. Of these, 12 (4 B/W, 8 color/IR) have been cleared for release, 2 (B/W) have actually been released. The remainder consisted of:
  - a. 39 frames of U. S. military installations (33 B/W, 6 color/IR).
  - b. 19 frames of foreign territory (17 B/W, 2 color/IR)
  - c. 1 frame of U. S. civilian installation (Love Field, Dallas). Note: It was decided that this one should be cleared for release. Major Yost was instructed to arrange availability of glossy prints for SAFOI.
3. No photographs were taken of foreign military installations
4. Mr. Sylvester indicated that the statement for Mr. McNamara would reflect selected items of this information and would, in effect, state that neither the photographs of U. S. military installations and equipment, nor the photographs of foreign territory would be released. It would further be pointed out that all other photographs had been cleared for release.

  
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Major, USAF

DOD EXPERIMENT D-1 AND D-6 PHOTOGRAPHYBlack and WhiteFrames Exposed: 71Frames Usable: 60Experiment D-1: 4

Moon 4

Experiment D-6: 56U. S. Military

Dallas NAS	2
Minuteman Msl in Flt	1
Missed Missile	4
Possible Contrail	1
Holloman AFB	8
Bergstrom AFB	5
White Sands MR	7
USS Lake Champlain and Destroyer	5

U. S. Civilian

Dallas Metropolitan	1
Love Fld, Dallas	1
Cape Kennedy (NASA Facility)	3

Foreign

Las Palmas, C. I. (Airfield)	4
Mombasa, Kenya (Airfield)	5
Rocas Is, Brazil	4
Fernando de Noronha Is Brazil (Airfield)	4

Unidentified 1

Color (IR Filter)

Frames Exposed: 17

Frames Useable: 16

Experiment D-1; 8

Moon 4

Venus 4

Experiment D-6 8

U. S. Military

Complex N. E. of 6  
Savannah, Ga.  
(Parris Is, Beaufort  
MCAS, etc.)

Foreign

Tampico, Mexico 1

Blantyre, Malawi 1

Frames Cleared for Release:

17

Black and White

Dallas Metropolitan	1
Cape Kennedy (NASA Facility)	3
Moon	4
Love Field, Dallas	1

Color/IR

Moon	4
Venus	4

Frames Actually Released:

2

Black and White

Dallas Metropolitan	1
Cape Kennedy (NASA Facility)	1