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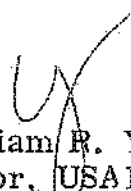
MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Photography from DOD Experiments on  
GEMINI Flight 5

The attached is a chronology of my actions relative to the handling of subject photography.

The chronology covers the period 29 August 1965 through 4 September 1965.

Included are several additional comments on the Houston trip.

  
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Major, USAF

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

3 September 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL LeBAILLY

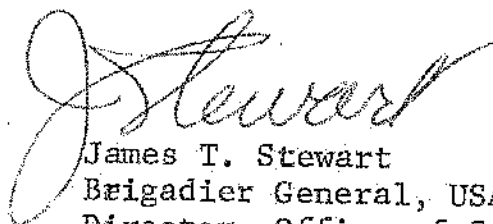
SUBJECT: Handling of DoD GEMINI V Photography

1. Reference is made to our discussion on 2 September.
2. I will deliver several negatives to your office this afternoon which are releasable to the press if necessary. I emphasize that latter point for two reasons:
  - a. It is national policy to avoid military implications of any kind in NASA programs;
  - b. NASA will release some color photographs of general interest (cloud patterns, terrain features) taken with the same camera. This undoubtedly will be identified as "NASA film" rather than a part of the DoD experiments.
3. If necessary to release any of the DoD film, it should be done from Houston with minimum fanfare. In this regard, it would appear desirable to release any prints along with NASA photography taken with the same camera.
4. Your spokesman at Houston should clearly understand that:
  - a. DoD publicity with regard to these experiments is not desired;
  - b. The film from DoD experiments D-1 and D-6 has been classified;
  - c. The fact that the film has been classified is also classified;

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d. Any information with regard to the film having been processed and evaluated in Washington is classified.

5. The above is not intended to replace the normal procedures followed by SAFOI in releasing photography. Rather, my comments summarize special considerations which have been imposed on this particular activity.



James T. Stewart  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director, Office of Space  
Systems

This was delivered to Gen Harland and discussed with him at some length on Friday Sep 3. It was also read and discussed by Gen Le Bailly on ~~Monday~~ <sup>Tuesday</sup> AM 7 Sept; he agreed with this approach and directed his people to proceed along these lines. The letter was then returned to SAFSS

D. Carter

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