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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL BERG *R.*

SUBJECT: CORONA Mission #1041/Impact of Debris near Detroit

Impact prediction by NORAD for CORONA Mission 1041 debris (AGENA) was placed at 93.8°W - 43.3°N ± 5 minutes (see attached TIP message and map).

The Detroit Free Press contacted NASA on 13 July inquiring about the possible origin of debris (apparently space program associated) located near Detroit. NASA representative Leo ABERNATHY, after checking with NORAD, advised them that it was not NASA associated but that NORAD had predicted decay of debris associated with a DOD space activity in that approximate area. The Detroit newspapers of 14 July apparently carried some coverage of the event. Thus far no news inquiry has been made of the DOD.

No information was available locally to provide a description of the debris or to indicate in whose custody the debris was being held except that ^{the} source of the Detroit Free Press had been someone in the Science Dept of Wayne University.

Through DIAXX, we suggested that the 1127th, Det 1 (Project MOONDUST monitors) people follow up on the Wayne University lead to arrange for FTD personnel to examine the debris and feed back a description. We are currently awaiting their report.

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