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REFERENCE WHIG 0043, 11 MAR 70 WHICH QUOTED DR. NEWELL'S LETTER TO DR. MCLUCAS AND ASKED FOR YOUR THOUGHTS CONCERNING FUTURE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE USE OF CORONA SPACECRAFT BY NASA. FOLLOWING IS A COMPLETE QUOTE OF DR. MCLUCAS' REPLY:

"QUOTE: DEAR DR. NEWELL:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MARCH 2. I UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE YOUR CONSTRAINTS IN ATTEMPTING TO USE THE CORONA SYSTEM IN THE ERTS ROLE. I ALSO UNDERSTAND YOUR DESIRE TO MAINTAIN AN OPTION TO USE THE CORONA VEHICLE IN THE FUTURE AND WE WILL GIVE THIS IDEA SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IN OUR PLANNING. SPECIFICALLY, IF WE FIND THAT THERE WILL BE VEHICLES EXCESS TO OUR NEEDS WE WILL AGAIN WORK WITH YOU TOWARD MAKING THEM AVAILABLE FOR THE EARTH RESOURCES SURVEY ROLE.

YOU WILL RECALL THAT THERE ARE ADDITIONAL JOINT STUDIES UNDERWAY TO LOOK AT THE APPLICATION OF OTHER HARDWARE SYSTEMS WE HAVE DEVELOPED WHICH COULD FULFILL NASA MISSIONS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUING SATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIP WHEREBY WE CAN INVESTIGATE THE USE OF TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED SYSTEMS BY NASA FOR THE NATIONAL BENEFIT.

SINCERELY,  
JOHN L. MCLUCAS UNQUOTE.

WE NOW WISH TO CONVEY TO NASA A MORE FIRM INDICATION OF OUR CAPABILITY TO MAKE CORONA HARDWARE AVAILABLE TO THEM. I WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS OR THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

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