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CONTROL SYSTEM

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MEMORANDUM FOR UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: HEXAGON Status

Recent circumstances associated with the HEXAGON development program have led to the determination that the first launch date of December 1970 is no longer practical. The situation is currently under intensive review; however, a March 1971 first launch appears achievable and commensurate with the overlap afforded by the remaining CORONA inventory.

In view of the substantial preparatory effort in anticipation of HEXAGON within the user community, it is suggested that the above information be released as you deem appropriate.

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~~CORONA HEXAGON~~

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