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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL JACK E. THOMAS, USAF
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Planned Operation of the KH-9 System

This is in response to your memorandum of 10 January 1969, subject: Proposed DOD Policy on the Development of Data Reduction Equipment For Use with KH-9 Materials. The Operational Considerations contained in paragraph 2 of reference 1 are correct as stated. This should not be interpreted as meaning the KH-9 system cannot be operated in other modes; however, a change from the normal mode would be done only for an extraordinary mission and the probability that such a mission would be used for MC&G collection is very low at best.

It is estimated that world-wide coverage by the frame camera, except for cloud covered areas, can be achieved in 4 to 6 missions. This would include closure at the equator, again ignoring cloud interference. When cloud distribution is considered, it is expected that 8 to 12 missions with the frame camera will be required for essentially world-wide coverage.

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