

30 April 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Soviet Anti-ICBM and Anti-Satellite Capability

1. On 30 April the DCI mentioned that he was somewhat concerned by a statement made by Secretary McNamara to the President to the effect that the Nike-Zeus would be capable in one year's time of knocking down ICBMs and satellites. The DCI is concerned as to whether we are paying adequate attention to the Soviet capability for countermeasures, although he is skeptical as to the degree of advance in the anti-missile missile field. He would like to have you and Dr. Charyk review the situation, perhaps preparing a study on it.

2. In connection with the degree of our offensive capability, the DCI suggests more secrecy on launchings, varying orbits, and perhaps equipping the vehicle for changing the orbit upon command.

3. With reference to his request for a discussion on Samos, you may wish to discuss this matter with him at the same time.

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

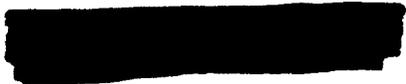
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : Samos and Corona

On 30 April the DCI expressed concern with regard to the recently lost Samos shot and said that he would like to get together with you and Dr. Charyk to analyze the situation and determine whether Corona can provide adequate coverage should Samos fail to produce this year. Would you undertake the responsibility for setting up this meeting. In this connection you may wish to note the attached memorandum on another subject and discuss that at the same time.

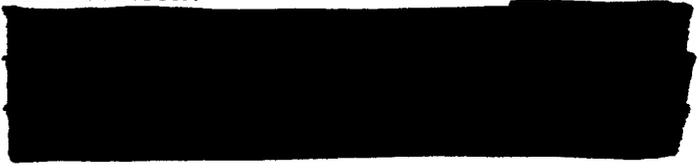
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