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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CIA RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAMS

SUBJECT: CORONA (J-1) Era

The successful performance of CORONA Mission 1052 concluded a series of 52 satellite reconnaissance missions which have provided critical intelligence essential to our national security. When the history of space reconnaissance is compiled, it will be noted that the CORONA Program conquered the initial technological problems, produced vital national strategic intelligence for years, and provided a sound basis for development of advanced systems.

The J-1 system served the national needs with distinction for six years, and its remarkable record has been due, of course, to the outstanding efforts of the people responsible for its development, production, and operation. I offer my thanks and appreciation for a job well done to you and your staff. Please also extend my congratulations to the appropriate contractors and other government personnel.

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