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20 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : CIA Position in USIB Relative to Project TIROS

REFERENCE : [REDACTED] dated 13 July 1959
Subject: Intelligence Aspects of Project TIROS

1. Project TIROS is an approved television camera system which will furnish very poor pictures of the earth, plus weather data, from a small satellite vehicle. Results achieved will be of a very low security classification, controlled by NASA.

2. There are political and security implications to CORONA involved. These have been reviewed and are set forth in the attached background paper [REDACTED]

3. RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the following CIA position be taken in the USIB on this item:

a. That this item be considered separately by CORONA-cleared members of the Board.

b. That CIA make no objection to TIROS provided the priority and security of CORONA are protected.


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Deputy Director
(Plans)

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