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MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. Sheppard  
Lt. Col. Matheson

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

1. Transmitted herewith is the Reports Control Manual to be used in connection with Project CORONA. This manual is designed to give Project Headquarters control over certain phases of Project CORONA.

2. It is realized that some of the controls desired may be beyond the capabilities of the system at the present time; however, to achieve maximum results from this Project, it is felt that Project Headquarters should control the date and time of launch plus the areas to be covered, depending upon target weather, targets desired, and political considerations. Decision to launch because of mechanical condition of vehicle or because of launch and recovery weather will be the responsibility of

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3. In brief, the Reports Control Manual allows essential information to pass between ~~██████████~~ and Project Headquarters (and vice versa). Weather information will pass between ~~██████████~~ and Project Headquarters. ~~██████████~~ is included as an info addressee on all messages except those passing between Project Headquarters and ~~██████████~~.

4. Revisions to the manual undoubtedly will be made from time to time. However, it is desired that all possible revisions be made prior to actual CORONA launchings. In line with this, it is desired that the system be exercised and, insofar as possible, in connection with the actual launchings prior to the CORONA shots. Since a communications channel with ~~██████████~~ will be the first established in the Palo Alto area, the command post exercise will probably be conducted through this channel. Therefore, as soon as a communications channel is established, Project Headquarters will schedule a system exercise.

This document contains information referring to Project CORONA

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5. Since security is a prime consideration, it is essential that access to this manual and to the reports generated by it be strictly limited to those with a CORONA clearance.



Colonel USAF  
Director of Operations

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