

6 Mar 59  
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MEMO FOR RECORD



SUBJECT: DISCOVERER

1. A meeting was held in the office of [Redacted] AFABF, on 6 March 1959, and was attended by Mr. George Kuchera and [Redacted] of CIA, [Redacted] of ARPA and [Redacted] and [Redacted]

2. The meeting was called following a telephone call from Col. Shephard, BMD, to Mr. Kuchera regarding the possible contract cancellation of six additional boosters and four packages which are now on procurement. These six were formerly in the program when the plan called for 19 firings and was later reduced to 13 as follows:

2 Engineering	reduced to	2 Engineering
2 Mice		2 Mice
12 Corona		8 Corona
3 Monkey		1 Monkey
<u>19 Total</u>		<u>13</u>

3. Confusion existed regarding the six reduction. It was believed that two of the six were to be for special ARPA packages not yet assigned, and that the remaining four would be used by the Air Force. [Redacted] said that this is what he advised [Redacted] of BMD on 5 March. [Redacted] stated that ARPA does not have a plan for the two marked for ARPA, and that ARPA will not buy any more boosters this fiscal year.

4. The Air Force follow on program was then discussed. It includes 12 additional Corona shots and has been approved by [Redacted], Mr. Quarles, Mr. York and Mr. Allen Lullies and has been presented to General Goodpastuer. The President is to review the proposed program in the next two weeks.

5. A memo dated 11 February was sent to the Secretary of Defense outlining the follow on program (memo not available in this office). Mr. Kuchera showed the funding extract of the memo which indicated the need for [Redacted] additional in FY 59. [Redacted] was to come from OSD emergency funds and [Redacted] from Air Force funds. (If the schedule is not exact or slips the [Redacted] may be from FY 60 funds). [Redacted] of the OSD funds will be used to procure the satellite and [Redacted] for the payload. The [Redacted] Air Force money will be used to buy 12 boosters and partially pay for four of the satellites plus some readout equipment from RAIC.

6. It was concluded that if the Air Force follow on program of 12 is approved the six reduction of the original program can be part of the 12. If the 12 are not approved, termination of the six will take place. The six will continue on procurement until a decision is made.

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