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3 June 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Vice President's Visit to Project Headquarters

REFERENCE : Memo for DD/P from AC/DPD, same subject, dated 1 June 1960 [REDACTED]

1. I read with interest your referenced memorandum on [REDACTED] suggestion to place a camera in a Mercury capsule. I would like to have your views on the merits of this suggestion.

2. Somewhat along the lines of the [REDACTED] suggestion is a proposal that was presented to me for about an hour on 1 June by representatives of [REDACTED]. I attach the brochure they left with me. The proposal is for an Atlas boosted but unpowered aeroballistic vehicle containing a camera which, with a payload of 600 pounds, would be capable of making around the world flight on a programmed course with controlled recovery. I will not try in this note to fill in other details, but I would be interested in your views on this proposal as well. (The penciled list is of Air Force personnel who know of the [REDACTED] proposal.)

3. I mentioned to [REDACTED] on 2 June my belief that we have an accumulation of issues that require discussion with BMD and [REDACTED]. The suggestion in the referenced memorandum is one of these. The attachment is another. Broadly, the purpose of the kind of senior but informal consultation that I am anxious to have would be to (a) review the various proposals floating around for satellites, ballistics, and reconnaissance, and (b) to elicit an expression of opinions as to the role of the Agency in any future developments of this sort. I have mentioned my desire for such a session with Dr. Billings. I would like to suggest that [REDACTED] make an active effort to

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discover what individuals from BMD, and possibly [REDACTED] will be available when and generally to give me his views on the feasibility, time, place, and composition of such a meeting.



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