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ATTN: LT.COL MURPHY

1. THIS IS TO REITERATE CERTAIN POLICIES THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING MULTI-DAY CORONA MISSIONS:

A. INITIAL MULTI-DAY ORBIT OPERATIONAL MISSIONS WILL OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHY COVERAGE OVER ANY FLIGHT LINE THAT POSSESSES ACCEPTABLE WEATHER, WHETHER IT CONTAINS KNOWN INTELLIGENCE TARGETS OR WHETHER ONLY PIONEER COVERAGE WILL BE OBTAINED.

B. [REDACTED] WILL HAVE AUTHORITY TO CHANGE OR MODIFY HEADQUARTERS CAMERA CONTROL INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- (1) WHEN MARGINAL ACQUISITION CONDITIONS EXIST AT CONTROL TIME.
- (2) WHEN VEHICLE OR CAMERA DIFFICULTIES DEVELOP AND COMPLYING WITH HEADQUARTERS DECISION WOULD RESULT IN FURTHER DEGRADATION OF THE MISSION.

C. IN EVENT OF COMPLETE COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE AND HEADQUARTERS COMMAND DECISION IS NOT RECEIVED, THE CAMERA WILL BE TURNED OFF UNLESS REMAINING PAYLOAD EQUALS THE LIFE OF THE VEHICLE OVER THE TARGET AREA.

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ACTING CHIEF, DPD

END OF MESSAGE
CHIEF, OPERATIONS
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