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13 DEC 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: NRO Actions re CORONA

The attached cables were brought to my attention by OSA as clear evidence of the way in which the NRO views CIA's participation in the CORONA program. The OSA people feel that these cables leave little room for doubt about the support role that has been assigned to the Agency. Of course, these directions are consistent with McMillan's recent proposal to you for reorientation of the CORONA management, but preclude our possible acceptance by some time and may provide part of the explanation for contractor reluctance to continue to deal with us on a normal basis.

ALBERT D. WHEELON
Deputy Director
(Science & Technology)

Attachments: 2



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PRIORITY [REDACTED]

FOR [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] FROM DR. MCMILLAN

REFERENCE [REDACTED] IN ORDER TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF
EFFORT AND CONFUSION REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY, THE OVERALL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLYING WITH [REDACTED] IS HEREBY
ASSIGNED TO DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A. DIRECTOR, PROGRAM B SHOULD
PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO THE DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A.

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IT IS NECESSARY TO ADJUST OUR PRESENT RATE OF SATELLITE PROCUREMENT TO CORRECT THE EXISTING BACKLOG OF CORONA SYSTEMS THAT IS IN EXCESS OF PRESENT REQUIREMENTS AND GET COSTS INTO LINE WITH APPROPRIATE FUNDING. ACCORDINGLY, DNRO DESIRES THAT YOU PROPOSE A PLAN FOR PROGRAM SUPPORT AND PROCUREMENT RATES FOR SATELLITE BOOSTERS, PAYLOADS, AGENAS, PECULIARS AND RECOVERY BUCKETS THAT WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE OF LAUNCHES IN THE MOST ECONOMICAL MANNER.

SCHEDULED LAUNCHES

	FY 64	FY 65	FY 66
CORONA J AND M	12	12	12
CORONA - RESERVE SYSTEMS (M&J)	(6)		
ARGON	2		
ARGON SPARE PAYLOADS	(1)	(3)	

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F. ALL NEW CORONA PROCUREMENT WILL BE FOR THE CORONA J CONFIGURATION EXCLUSIVELY.

PROPOSAL SHOULD INCLUDE STATEMENT OF THE COST IMPACT THAT THE PROPOSED PROCUREMENT RATES WILL HAVE ON THE FY 64 PROGRAM AND FY 65 BUDGET. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING FY 64 PROGRAM AND FY 65 BUDGET FIGURES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO OSD:

F.Y. 1964 F.Y. 1965 BUDGET
PROGRAM 1 OCT SUBM. OPTIONAL

C-M STANDBY
C-J BASIC
C-J SPARE SYSTEMS
L BASIC
L SPARE PAYLOADS
A BASIC
A SPARE PAYLOADS
SPARE THOR AGENA

[REDACTED] SUB-TOTAL

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