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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : CORONA Action Plan

1. In compliance with a request of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence there follows a plan of action to implement (1) the transfer of Agency contracting for CORONA contracts from Washington to an Agency contracting officer on [REDACTED] staff and (2) assignment of Agency technical personnel to [REDACTED] CORONA project.

A. CONTRACTS

An incumbent Agency contracting officer, [REDACTED], now on [REDACTED] staff will be delegated Agency contracting officer responsibility to administer all CORONA contracts now in existence (attachment 1) which have been administered by the contracting officer, Office of Special Activities, DD/S&T. The transfer of CORONA contracts and delegation of contracting officer authority to [REDACTED] will be made within one week. The terms of reference under which [REDACTED] will perform his contracting officer function are noted in attachment 2.

B. TECHNICAL PERSONNEL

A maximum of three Agency technical people will be assigned to join [REDACTED] CORONA project office

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as soon as practicable to discharge the Agency's technical monitoring and management role in the CORONA program. The first ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ individual and technical team leader, [REDACTED], will be transferred immediately to join [REDACTED] staff with the remaining two technical assistants following him to the West Coast as soon as possible and hopefully within 30 - 60 days the terms of reference for [REDACTED] technical participation in the CORONA program on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] staff are noted in attachment 3.

2. In addition to the foregoing contracts and technical actions, an Agency covert support office will be established in the Los Angeles area and initially staffed by an Agency security officer and communications officer and later with contracting officer personnel as required. This support facility will be used to augment support to Agency CORONA people on [REDACTED] staff and other Agency programs on the West Coast, such as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and provide a secure Agency communications link with Headquarters. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] an Agency security officer now assigned to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] staff will head this covert support office.

3. In order to further strengthen the Agency field role on the CORONA program, the present Agency staff at ~~KK~~ the LMSC (Skunk Works) Palo Alto facility will be augmented by two additional people. The first individual, [REDACTED] will be reporting for duty at Palo Alto, September and serve as an assistant operations officer to Agency detailee Colonel Vernon Webb, who primarily handles CORONA field operations at Palo Alto. The second individual to be assigned to the Palo Alto facility will be a technical man. Plans are underway to fill this assignment within 30-60 days. *The* [REDACTED]

4. The foregoing actions will provide a strong Agency field capability to the CORONA program. The emerging DD/S&T satellite office, under [REDACTED] will provide technical direction to the Agency field operation. The Office of

Special Activities DD/S&T will continue to provide contracts, finance and security support fo field operations as in the past.

Agency Field Staff

COVERT  
Inglewood

- 1 - Contracting officer
- 3 - Technical
- 1 - Security
- 1 - Secretary

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Palo Alto

- 2 - Operation officers
- 1 - Technical
- 4 - Communications
- 1 - Security
- 1 - Secretary

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