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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Operations, DFS/DCI

REFERENCE : [redacted]

1. I have read the reference and the attached trip report by [redacted] on the last CORONA Progress Meeting. I concur with all four of the recommendations in paragraph 5 of the latter.

2. I would appreciate it if you would discuss with [redacted] any security problems involved in initiating the climatological studies that are required and take the necessary steps to have them started.

3. I note that drafts of operational control procedures are being developed simultaneously in your section and at BMD. I assume that our draft will be ready to be taken out to the west coast for the meetings now scheduled for 15 and 16 September at which the whole operational phase of CORONA will be discussed. I would like if at all possible to receive a draft of our proposed procedure before close of business on 10 September so that I will have time to review it and discuss it with you and still have a final draft completed by 12 September.

4. At our last Progress Report meeting in Palo Alto, consideration was given to establishing a communications link with the Lockheed MSD special facility there. As far as I recollect no final decision was made as to the need for this link. I would like Mr. Kucera to look into this matter in preparation for our meeting on 17 September and to consult with you about it. It occurs to me that, since we are going to need a communications link to the Palo Alto Control Center by March, we might proceed to activate it as soon as possible in the construction facility and plan to move the personnel and equipment from there to the Control Center in March.

5. I assume you will set in motion the analysis referred to in paragraph 5.c. of [redacted] trip report.

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6. In the light of Mr. Kucera's coordinating responsibility for CORONA which I outlined at our staff meeting on 5 September, I assume you will keep him informed on all the foregoing.

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RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.
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