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~~STAFF MEETING MINUTES~~ -- 16 June 1959

PERSONNEL PRESENT - Mr. Bissell

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Mr. Kelly

[redacted]

Mr. King  
Mr. Kucera  
Mr. Kiefer

Mr. Anderson

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1. [redacted]

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ACTION: [redacted]

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8. CORONA - VEDAS - Mr. Bissell announced that an agreement was reached 15 June that Project VEDAS would be carried forward under the management of CIA, and that the VEDAS shots would be treated as additional efforts in the DISCOVERER series. This decision was made at a meeting attended by Mr. Bissell, in Mr. Roy Johnson's office. Present were: [REDACTED] Messrs. [REDACTED] from ARPA and Dr. Bruce Billings of Dr. York's office. The VEDAS program will be organized and managed

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substantially on the pattern of CORONA with two exceptions, these are: (1) that technical management would be a joint responsibility of ARPA and DPD/CIA and (2) that the Army would be regarded as the primary, but not exclusive, customer. There will be four reconnaissance satellite shots, plus recovery, planned in the VEDAS mapping program. The group also decided that the security of VEDAS would be controlled by DPD/CIA. The plan now is to cancel VEDAS overtly as it now exists, at which point we will pick it up in the framework of our black contracts. In discussing the exceptions above, Mr. Bissell said he assumed we would look to BMD for procurement of the first and second-stage vehicle. There will be no Army procurement Agency involvement. In this connection, Army will have a voice in systems diffusion but we will have the same responsibility and authority as in the CORONA program.

9. APPROVAL FOR CORONA FLIGHT V - Mr. Bissell is confident that this will be granted. In this connection, he requested that if a change is made in scheduled date of a shot, he would like to be informed as rapidly as possible with a full explanation for the delay.

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CONCUR:

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Colonel, USAF  
Acting Chief, DPD

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