



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

7 Aug 64

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Attached are two suggested press responses which were contributed by the CIA member of the Contingency Cover Group. He suggests that Response #1 be effected immediately. Response #2 could be issued at a somewhat later date if the situation continues to be pressing.

The data contained in Response #2 is identical with that information which we have furnished for the benefit of the U.N. Registry for Space Objects.

I feel that these are both very good and would like to submit them in response to the task you gave me this morning.

(Jd)

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Proposed Press Response #1

portions of a space vehicle

Charred remains of ~~a space capsule~~ which impacted in Venezuela late in May have been tentatively identified as being of U.S. origin. ~~The~~ ^{authorities are} Venezuelan ~~government~~ ^{is} turning ~~remains~~ ^{recovered} ~~of the capsule~~ ^{portions} over to U.S. authorities for examination to ~~determine which specific vehicle is involved.~~



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Discussed with [redacted] on 7 Aug. To help avoid the word "capsule" should be avoided. Above is

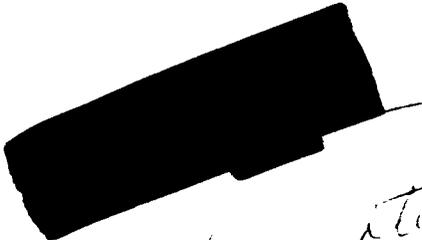


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Proposed Press Response #2

After examination it has been determined that the *portions*
of a space ^{*vehicle*} ~~capsule~~ which impacted in Venezuela late in May ~~1964~~
were a part ~~a portion~~ of registered satellite #22-A which was launched
from Vandenberg AFB 27 April 1964 to assist in the development
of spacecraft techniques and technology.



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