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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

This document contains information
referring to Project ARGON

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Amendment No. 6
ARGON Instruction No. 1

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TO: The Secretary of the Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

It is requested that the Air Research and Development Command designate the Ballistic Missile Division as Project Manager for the four (4) DISCOVERER flights referred to in Amendment No. 6 to this order. It is further requested that:

a. As for other aspects of the DISCOVERER Program, the ARDC/BMD management of the project will include provision of vehicles, supervision of all systems engineering activities necessary to effective integration of vehicles and payloads, direction of launch operations, and all other related and associated activities necessary to assure success of the four missions covered by this amendment.

b. The Lockheed Aircraft Corporation be utilized as Systems Engineer in this connection.

c. ARPA^{CIA} technical direction and management of the program will be exercised, through ARDC/BMD, by the Special Projects Branch of the Technical Operations Division, ARPA^{any DDD/CA}. In this connection, arrangements will be made to provide ARPA^{CIA} with the following:

- (1) Monthly and other reports required under ARPA Order 48-60 and its predecessors.
- (2) Copies of contracts, amendments thereto, and associated or related technical direction documents issued in connection with this program by ARDC/BMD.
- (3) Notification of technical direction and coordination meetings arranged by ARDC/BMD in connection with the program.

In Accordance with E. O. 12958

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- (4) Prompt advice of anticipated problems or difficulties in the program, including adequacy of facilities, launch schedules, and other factors which may be critically involved in the execution of the program.
- (5) Development and Funding Plan, incorporating the payload to be provided for in accordance with paragraph 2 , at the earliest possible date.

ARPA/CIA
 Payloads to be incorporated into this series of four (4) DISCOVERER flights will be provided through a separate contract, not under ARDC/BMD supervision. The principal contractors and roles for development of the ARGON payload system are planned in general as follows:

- a. Lockheed Missiles System Division will have over-all responsibility for development and integration of the payload system.
- b. General Electric Corporation will be responsible for the nose cone, as in the other project.
- c. Fairchild Instrument and Camera Corporation will build the camera.
- d. ITEK Corporation will conduct environmental testing.
- e. Processing of film and reduction of data will be provided under separate contracts with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] respectively.

General technical requirements and specifications involved in this part of the DISCOVERER series will be the subject of other correspondence from the Technical Operations Division.

General technical requirements for ARGON have been developed by ARPA and CIA and it is planned that the technical parameters for

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industrial development of the ARGON system can be agreed upon at the 4 August meeting. These technical requirements will be coordinated with appropriate BMD staff members prior to the 4 August ARGON meeting.

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