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7 October 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: John Paragosky

SUBJECT: Information Concerning Soviet Ships in Recovery Area

1. Pursuant to your request, the undersigned, accompanied by Mr. **[REDACTED]** visited Vice Admiral Beakley, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Fleet Operations and Readiness), this date and after briefing him into CORONA, I. e., sponsor, obtained the following information relative to Soviet ships attempting capture of the Discoverer capsule.

2. The Navy presently has assigned a destroyer to each of the four SIBIR type ships and, in addition, has the USS Swordfish, a nuclear submarine, in the vicinity of Chukotka (2232N 1741E). These ships have been advised that the SIBIRS will not recover the capsule. In addition, it is to be expected that these U. S. Navy ships presently deployed would be made available to aid the recovery force if they were so required.

3. We were further advised that the Soviet ships were "riding high in the water". It is estimated they have approximately six days of fuel remaining, and there is no indication of arrangements for a tanker to re-supply them. Attached hereto are the present locations of the Soviet ships.

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