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MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Deputy Director (Plans)  
THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division, DD/P  
SUBJECT : Discoverer Meeting with Dr. Charyk

1. Dr. Charyk, [REDACTED] and I discussed the Discoverer program on 5 December. This was the follow-on to the earlier session some three weeks ago when Dr. Charyk raised the questions of the bio and ARCON programs.

2. In brief, ARCON has been expanded to six, with engineering shots in January and February and operational shots in June, July, August, and September. CORONA shots recommence in February and extend into October. Two [REDACTED] shots are added in November and December. The one bio shot falls in December of 1961.

3. Joe Charyk is convening a group of three or four cleared people to work out a FIO plan utilizing ARCON as cover for the program. Joe preferred not to involve [REDACTED] initially, but will review the matter with us when the staff work is done in about two weeks. I understand that this kind of cover plan will likely require approval at the White House level.

4. Charyk has also been discussing an [REDACTED] development aimed against Gary Shagan with [REDACTED] people. He is proposing to have LMD subcontract to [REDACTED] to construct three or four equipments to go in the Agena vehicle as did the Fubini gear.

5. I expect to review all of these items again with Charyk in about two weeks after discussions with our own people concerned.

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