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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

**SUBJECT :** Supplement to Forecast of CIA Aerial  
Reconnaissance Activities for July 1961

**REFERENCE :** Memorandum, [REDACTED] subject:  
Forecast of CIA Aerial Reconnaissance  
Activities for July 1961

1. Because of the sensitivity of satellite reconnaissance activities, it is considered essential that the information contained herein and relating to Project CORONA be submitted apart from the above referenced summary of CIA reconnaissance operations and be given special handling as previously requested.

2. Planned Discoverer operations for the month of July 1961 are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
7 July	CORONA	Photo Intelligence
20 July	ARGON	Geodetic Data
28 July	CORONA	Photo Intelligence

3. As in the case of all aerial reconnaissance activities, dates set forth are tentative and subject to change because of technical and/or operational considerations.

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4. Although three Discoverer firings were forecast for the month of June, only two were accomplished; an ARGON shot which failed to orbit on 8 June, and a CORONA shot on 16 June which resulted in successful recovery of the capsule. The third Discoverer shot (CORONA) was postponed for technical reasons until July.

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