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9 August 1961

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Eugene P. Kiefer, SA/TA/DPD**  
**SUBJECT: Launching Schedule--CORONA Payloads**

1. In response to your request in the attached memorandum regarding COMOR's view on the relative priorities of ARGON versus CORONA payloads, I have to report that the COMOR was consulted yesterday. Its view is set forth below.

2. COMOR reaffirms its need for satellite photography which will provide information on missile deployment and activities, as a highest priority matter. It recognizes that the Intelligence Community also is in serious need for geodetic control data obtainable from presently planned satellite photography.

3. The COMOR concurs in the present CORONA-ARGON schedule set forth in your memorandum.

*James Q. Reber*

**JAMES Q. REBER**  
Chief

Special Requirements Staff, DPD, DDP

Attachment:

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31 July 1961

**MEMORANDUM FOR :** Chief, Special Requirements Staff, DFD  
**SUBJECT :** Launching Schedule-CORONA Payloads

1. The Under Secretary of the Air Force has been appointed by the Secretary of Defense to be the focal point for all satellite reconnaissance activities. He has expressed a desire to have COMSEC select the relative priorities of ANGEH versus CORONA payloads. At the present time the foreseeable schedule is as follows:

2 August	C Prime
22 August	C Triple Prime
29 August	C Triple Prime
8 September	C Triple Prime
28 September	Argon
October	Argon

2. Beyond this point there are four remaining vehicles in the current calendar year series. One of these has been allocated to an engineering test payload. The remaining three would be launched either in the fall and winter or postponed until spring of next year. The available payloads consist of one CORONA Triple Prime, four CORONA Prime, and one ANGEH spare. If not fired until next spring, two additional C Triple Prime could be made available by that time.

3. I would like a report stating the position of COMSEC as to the next six firmly scheduled payloads or a preference for some rearrangement in the order of those payloads within the schedule for the next six launches. Payloads can be interchanged up to three weeks prior to scheduled launch date.

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