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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD
SUBJECT: Status of the ARGON Program

- 1. Current recommended changes in the funding structure of the ARGON program, if approved, will have great impact upon this Branch.
- 2. It is most important that we be kept informed on any changes in the ARGON program that effect operational procedures. In addition, the ARGON briefing can only be up dated if changes in the program are forwarded to the briefing officer.
- 3. I recommend an evaluation of the Agency's role in the ARGON program be made in order to determine responsibilities and capabilities. At present, there is maintained at L minus 19 days on ARGON launch. This capability is limiting our CORONA inclination angle selection to one vehicle.

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Lt. Colonel USAF
Chief, Special Projects Branch, DPD

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