

HANDLE VIA [REDACTED]
CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY

6. We do not believe that it was the intent of the Director to resolve the differences between DIA and CIA in that manner at that time. The "J" system was then, and still is, in an R&D status. Dr. McMillan made it clear at that meeting that his briefing related to the number of satellites which would be available during the year and that he was not establishing a schedule at that time. Also the Director made a point of the need for review of coverage in each instance prior to launch.

7. Originally, paragraph 3 of the COMINT paper read in part "there is a requirement for search coverage once a month with IN-4 (J)." At the request of CIA this sentence was changed to "about once per month" leaving out the system designation IN-4 (J). In taking our footnote, we therefore disagreed only with the recommendation for firing the SOG4 standby. We believe we are correct in this view and that we must continue to press for the prudent use of all systems, in the light of risks and costs, on the basis of well defined and true intelligence need and not simply because the vehicle is "on pad" and that some obscure SOG element has expressed a vague, ill-defined desire to see a target once every month without fail. (If the SOG member had had his way at this meeting, he would have fired the SOG4 standby "to make up for the coverage lost during March" and would also have launched the normally scheduled "J" mission during the month of April.)

8. Recommendation:

That you concur in the views of the CIA and the Department of State as expressed in the footnote.

[REDACTED]

Chief
ED/I Collection Guidance Staff

HANDLE VIA [REDACTED]
CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY

SENDER WILL CHECK CLASSIFICATION TOP AND BOTTOM

UNCLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL SECRET

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OFFICIAL ROUTING SLIP

TO	NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE	INITIALS
1	Mr. Sheldon		
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

<input type="checkbox"/> ACTION	<input type="checkbox"/> DIRECT REPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> PREPARE REPLY
<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL	<input type="checkbox"/> DISPATCH	<input type="checkbox"/> RECOMMENDATION
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> FILE	<input type="checkbox"/> RETURN
<input type="checkbox"/> CONCURRENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION	<input type="checkbox"/> SIGNATURE

Remarks:

Since we haven't been sure of the status of this COMOR paper, this briefing note has not been distributed except to [redacted]. This is for your case subject [redacted] Pre-USIB or USIB.

FOLD HERE TO RETURN TO SENDER

FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.	DATE
[redacted]	[redacted]
UNCLASSIFIED	CONFIDENTIAL
	SECRET