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WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT INJECTION DISPERSIONS BEING PERFORMED ON REF A WILL BE A LARGE ENOUGH DETERRENT TO OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO WARRANT DEACTIVATION IN ORDER TO ORIENT CAMERA PROGRAMS CLOSER TO NOMINAL. WE ALSO AGREE THAT ACCEPTABLE LIGHT IS DECREASING RAPIDLY IN NORTHERN LATITUDES, TO A POINT WHERE A LONG DEACTIVATION; I.E., SEVERAL DAYS, WOULD DENY US DESIRABLE LAND MASS COVERAGE.

ADDITIONALLY, SINCE THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS MISSION DIFFER SOMEWHAT FROM NORMAL CORONA MISSIONS, IN THAT FAR MORE EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO GROSS AREAS IN CONTINENTS OTHER THAN ASIA, DEACTIVATION WOULD NOT ENHANCE THE TAKE APPRECIABLY.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS WE HAVE AT THIS TIME NO INTENTION OF DEACTIVATING ON THIS MISSION. WE DO, HOWEVER, RESERVE THE DECISION TO DO SO SHOULD EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS PRESENT THEMSELVES DURING THE MISSION.

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WE MAY ALSO DESIRE THE CAPABILITY TO BIAS THE CAMERA PROGRAMS
IN A FEW ISOLATED INSTANCES IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE VERY HIGH
PRIORITY AREAS WHICH WE MAY OTHERWISE NOT BE ABLE TO
ACQUIRE DUE TO INJECTION DISPERSIONS EFFECTING THE GROUND
TRACKS.

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