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1 December - Negotiations with LMSC for the final closeout of six old CORONA contracts were concluded and these records may now be retired to the Archives. Some of the contracts involved went back to 1959.

6 December - A review of the criteria for J-1 forebodies revealed that at least one forebody will have to be replaced as a result of coverage due to Program stretch outs. This situation will require close monitoring over the next year if an additional stretch out or decrease of the launch rate is directed.

6-7 December - J-3 SRV contract negotiations were completed with G.E. in Philadelphia for the procurement of 26 SRV's. The G.E. diagnostic flights on the first J-3's were revealed to be considerably more costly than anticipated and were cancelled. The cost of the SRV's has increased slightly due to the necessary repackaging and associated development work for the J-3 configuration.

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13 December - A Program Managers Meeting was held at LMSC during which the following major actions were taken:

- (1) Final approval of the stretch out Program of approximately 8-9 months was given to the contractors to meet the revised launch schedule directed by the NRO.
- (2) Storage arrangements with Itek were made for several J-1 payloads and plans for the possibility of some J-3 systems.
- (3) The Qual and Acceptance test specs for the J-3 systems were reviewed and approved.
- (4) It was decided that the first four sets of shutters from [REDACTED] would be installed in DFD's and given normal acceptance testing. A 36 hour special vacuum test would be used on those DFD's which will be assigned to systems at LMSC which have gone through TASC testing without their assigned DFD's.
- (5) The PERT analysis of 1 December data indicated that the program is now about 3.4 weeks behind a scheduled readiness for launch of the first J-3 on 24 July 1967.
- (6) The projected weight of the J-3 payload is now about 25 pounds over the specified weight. Program Managers were charged to review all areas where weight could be saved and submit a report thereon as soon as possible.

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16 December - The first J-3 system was not accepted in Boston due to post vibration problems, a broken clevis pin, and corona markings from the rollers. System will be reworked for another acceptance test as soon as possible.

28-29 December - PG-8 camera system was accepted at Itek. However, it will be held there until needed at LMSC approximately 15 February 1967. The first J-3 system satisfactorily completed its second acceptance test after rework and is now scheduled for delivery on 3 January 1967.

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