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CORONA

REF: A.

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FOR MR. SHELDON FROM

[REDACTED]

1. DR. FLAX APPRECIATED AND SHARED YOUR CONCERN REGARDING PROCESSING OF ORIGINAL TAKE OF CORONA MISSION AT WESTOVER (I.E. [REDACTED] AS STATED IN REF A.
2. AS YOU KNOW (OUTLINED IN REF B), AN ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION EXERCISE WAS PERFORMED AT WESTOVER FROM 17-20 JANUARY. [REDACTED] THE DNRO'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESSING AND PRODUCTION, WAS IN ATTENDANCE THRUOUT MUCH OF THIS PERIOD PLUS TEN [REDACTED] PRODUCTION SPECIALISTS AND FOUR NPIC EVALUATION AND BREAKDOWN SPECIALISTS. [REDACTED] SUMMARY

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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION IS CONTAINED IN REF C. A WRITTEN REPORT WILL FOLLOW NEXT WEEK.

3. DR. FLAX REVIEWED THE ORI IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL WITH [REDACTED] THIS AM AND CONCLUDED THAT WESTOVER, WITH ASSISTANCE AS NOTED, IS READY TO PROCESS THIS CORONA MISSION IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT 1038 IS NOT A PAN GEOMETRY MISSION (THUS ELIMINATING ANY POSSIBLE CROSS-FRAME TILTING AND LACQUERING PROBLEM), PLUS THE IMPROVED CONFIDENCE IN TERMS OF A VIABLE BACK-UP THAT A SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION AT WESTOVER WOULD PROVIDE, DR. FLAX APPROVED THE PROCESSING OF 1038-2 AT THAT FACILITY. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, UNLESS AN EMERGENCY ARISES, NO FURTHER SATELLITE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE PROCESSING AT WESTOVER IS PLANNED BEFORE MID-SUMMER AT THE EARLIEST. IN THE INTERIM, ORI'S WILL BE CONDUCTED PERIODICALLY TO INSURE THEIR CONTINUED PROFICIENCY.
4. CIA IS INVITED TO HAVE REPRESENTATION AT WESTOVER DURING THE PRODUCTION OPERATIONS PRESENTLY EXPECTED TO COMMENCE APPROX 1000 HOURS THURSDAY 26 JAN.

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