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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Special Projects

SUBJECT: CORONA Weekly Report, 30 January -  
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The CORONA staff enjoyed a fairly ambitious week, commencing with the week end and Monday activity in preparation for [REDACTED] briefing, and continuing with experimentation and the discovery of a suitable method for displaying financial data on window shades. The GE and LMSC J-3 data as well as the LMSC Operations Analysis and Payload Integration Contract will be completed by Monday. The ITEK data for FY 67 is displayed on a chart board, and will not be displayed on a shade until the figures have been refined and begin to settle down. Some of the graphic supplies requested through Procurement channels were not in stock at Visual Systems, therefore, some delay may be experienced in titling and classifying the shade displays that are otherwise completed.

31 January

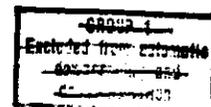
Webb visited NPIC to discuss [REDACTED] processing of 1038-2 with members of team present at processing site. We had asked [REDACTED] to represent us at the processing event. [REDACTED] observation bears out our own in that the exercise did little other than prove that [REDACTED] personnel could travel to Westover and process material on the [REDACTED] machine. While final judgment will have to await the PET analysis, there are strong indications that 1038-2 suffered a considerable amount of over development. 45% of the material was reported to have heavy density, yet none of it was stopped at the primary processing level. In fact, about 75% of the total take was carried to the full processing level.

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The density reported for 1038-1 was also high and could not be reconciled with the processing levels but it was not as severe as 1038-2. It is quite possible that the MIP of 80 given to each mission was due to the processing. [REDACTED] never just

It was also reported that [REDACTED] processed both the fore and the aft take without emptying and flushing the Trenton machine between spools. It is standard practice to go through the flushing procedure to reduce the frequency and magnitude of processor induced physical defects.

It has been reported that the quality of duplicate positives from [REDACTED] was less than the best that could have been made. At one time, the observer noted, one [REDACTED] man was simultaneously attending three Niagara printers. When asked where his blue-suit help was he stated that he had not seen the man for three hours.

From the evidence gathered it appears that CORONA did not get professional treatment at [REDACTED]. This probability was forecast by CIA and a warning was issued to NRO and was not heeded. When we are dealing with the micro-image such as is produced by CORONA, we cannot afford to take any unnecessary chances with the quality of that product. The damage to 1038-2 has already been done and no useful purpose could be served by beating a dead horse. But we need to make sure it doesn't happen again.

### 2 February

Office was visited by Majors Johnson and [REDACTED] of NRO who were interested in our operational status display. At least that is the only thing they asked about. They were given a brief showing in the Control Room and were apparently impressed (naturally) by the ability of the big board to answer questions.

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Office was visited by [REDACTED] of A. C. I. C. who brought in copies of his P. G. briefing for transfer to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is optimistic about PG and would like an early chance to meet directly with [REDACTED] people to learn more about PG features in that system.

Forecast Activities:

6 February

[REDACTED] Army GIMRADA, is scheduled to visit Webb at 1300.

7 February

[REDACTED] to attend final design review of the CORONA wall with [REDACTED] and the contractor at 1000.

7-9 February - THIS COULD GET BUSTY - WE SHOULD BRIEF WEBB CAREFULLY ON THIS -

Webb will attend 1038 PET meeting at NPIC. Results of the Low Gamma processing experiment will be discussed on 9 February.

10 February

Webb at GE, Philadelphia, for SRV acceptance inspection.

  
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