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MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General Andrew J. Goodpaster

SUBJECT : Project CORONA

1. As you know we are in the process of devising procedures to assure that the processing and exploitation of CORONA material, when the time comes, are carried out as effectively as possible. This inevitably will require that a fairly healthy additional group of service people be cleared. Herewith are their own estimates of the numbers involved:

Army	45
Navy	75
SAC	150
Hqs USAF	150

2. These people will be engaged in processing, rectification and mosaic construction (showing tracks) and their clearances will not by any means grant them access to any substantial amount of operational information. Essentially their briefing would go about as follows:

"You are being authorized access to materials derived from satellite reconnaissance. This fact of reconnaissance is of extraordinary sensitivity. Accordingly, you are prohibited from discussing this material except with those who have been identified to you as cleared for the same knowledge. This clearance does not give you access to any operational information."

3. May I have your reactions to this proposal.



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