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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL TAYLOR

SUBJECT: Security Protection of Ultra-Sensitive Advanced Intelligence Collection Systems (Recommendation No. 29 of the January 20, 1962 Report to the President by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board)

When the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board met with the President on January 20, 1962, the Board expressed deep concern about serious breaches of security which had occurred with respect to the Discoverer-Corona program, and pointed out that a similar breakdown in security with respect to the Oxcart program could lead to effective defensive measures on the part of the Soviets and thereby deny to the United States crucially-needed information concerning the Soviet ICBM capability. Accordingly, the Board recommended that, with respect to the Discoverer-Corona, Oxcart and other intelligence reconnaissance projects (a) prompt and stringent measures be taken within the intelligence community, and with contractors, to ensure that the numbers of persons granted access to information concerning such projects be kept to an absolute minimum consistent with practical requirements, and (b) there be periodic security reindoctrinations of all persons cleared for access to such information including information relating to the special photographic capabilities involved.

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be referred to the Director of Central Intelligence for implementation and the submission of a report on the action taken. A suggested action memorandum for signature by Mr. Bundy is attached.

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