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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIG. GENERAL CURTIN, SAFMS

1. Effective immediately the CORONA program will be handled within the SAMOS management structure insofar as Air Force actions and authority are concerned. In this regard, the Office of Missile and Satellite Systems will handle all "black" aspects of the DISCOVERER project. The DISCOVERER project and all "white" aspects of the program will continue to be handled by the normal Air Staff offices.

2. You and properly cleared members of your office are instructed to show this letter to properly cleared personnel as may be required to establish your authority and responsibilities in this matter.

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JOSEPH V. CURTIN
Under Secretary of the Air Force

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