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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office  
SUBJECT : J-3 Ad Hoc Committee Final Report

1. The J-3 Ad Hoc Committee was formed to guide, coordinate and evaluate a series of photographic experiments on the CORONA System. The purpose of these experiments was to evaluate the capabilities of the J-3 System with new photographic techniques. It was hoped that, ultimately, the intelligence productivity of the System as a whole could be improved by the ability to provide different types of information.
2. The Committee, as an aggregate, has put much effort into the task as is evidenced by the attached summary report. It has been my professional and personal pleasure to have worked with each member of the Committee; and I commend them for an excellent job, for their expertise, and for the team spirit which they evidenced.
3. I recommend that the Ad Hoc Committee be officially dissolved as having served its purpose. The capabilities of the J-3 payload are now well known; and the appropriate, special use of the System to fulfill intelligence requirements can be called out through normal channels.
4. A recommended distribution list for the summary report is attached. Distribution will be effected by the Agency upon your approval.

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U. S. Navy (Act.),  
CORONA Photographic Experiments  
(Ad Hoc) Committee

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**PROPOSED AGENDA**  
**ON**  
**UNCONVENTIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES**

- 1. Sensors and Techniques**
- 2. Brief Background of Activities**
  - a. Aircraft**
  - b. Satellites**
- 3. Color Photography**
  - a. Requirements**
  - b. Examples (Bi-Color, SO-121, SO-180)**
  - c. Systems Capabilities and Limitations**
  - d. Conclusions**
- 4. Night Detection Photography**
  - a. Requirements**
  - b. Examples (U-2, [REDACTED])**
  - c. Systems Capabilities and Limitations**
  - d. Conclusions**
- 5. Recommendations**
- 6. Future Possibilities**

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J-3 AD HOC COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

FOR CAP [REDACTED]

1. THANK YOU FOR THE SUBJECT REPORT AND A JOB WELL DONE.
2. THE COMMITTEE IS OFFICIALLY DISSOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION.
3. CONCUR IN YOUR MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN PARA 2.2.
4. THE DISTRIBUTION LIST, AS ATTACHED TO THE SUBJ REPORT, IS APPROVED. REQUEST YOU ADD DDR&E.

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THE NRO STAFF

7 July 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: Photographic Experiments on CORONA

BACKGROUND

Dr. Flax established an Ad Hoc Committee to monitor and report on a series of photographic flights and processing experiments performed on the J-3 improved CORONA systems. These are outlined briefly in the Introduction Section of the report attached at TAB D.

DISCUSSION

The Conclusions and Recommendations Section of TAB D provides a summary of the results of these tests, with detailed documentation making up the remainder of the report. The data presented is specifically reported for CORONA.

The major conclusions and recommendations in TAB D concern further testing of color materials and encourage COMIREX to establish a special subcommittee to interface with these activities. These are highly desirable objectives, and an indorsement from you will add a needed emphasis.

CIA has requested that the report at TAB D be approved for distribution as specified in TAB B. The Director of Defense Research and Engineering should be added to this distribution list.

CIA also requested that the Committee should be dissolved as it was intended that the group function only through the first five J-3 systems. The activities of the Committee have been assumed and actively pursued by the Staff and the community.

The overall problem in unconventional photographic techniques and equipment concerns not only CORONA but all areas of the photographic NRP. A proposed agenda for briefing you on this overall area is attached at TAB C and can be scheduled for one hour at your convenience.

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RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that you sign the message attached at TAB A and set a time for the proposed briefing.



ROBERT K. GEIGER  
Captain, USN

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- TAB A [Redacted] Message
- TAB B [Redacted] 49-69
- TAB C [Redacted] Agenda
- TAB D [Redacted] 80-69



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