5 May 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Approval of Extension of Project CORONA

Under date of 29 April, I addressed to you a memorandum on the approval of the extension of Project CORONA. General Goodpastor has asked that three very minor changes be made in the paper in order that it may more precisely reflect the decisions that were made. I am accordingly sending you herewith: (a) an indication of the changes, and (b) a retyped version of the memorandum embodying the changes to replace the original in your files.

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cc: Director, ARPA
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be made to surface the program but that in the meanwhile security precautions should be observed and planning should be on the assumption that the security status of the program would remain unchanged through the 1960 series.

3. Therefore, it is assumed, in accordance with the above decisions, that:

a. Appropriate action is proceeding to schedule the four flights restored to the calendar year 1959 program and the eight flights proposed for calendar year 1960.

b. The Central Intelligence Agency will initiate procurement of additional payloads as needed.

c. Funding will be provided in accordance with the proposal as submitted and approved.

d. Organizational arrangements and the distribution of responsibilities for the program will in the absence of further notice remain unchanged.

It is understood that the security and cover status of the program and related organizational arrangements may be reviewed at a later date.

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cc: Director, ARPA
Gen. Goodpastor
MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier General Andrew J. Goodpaster

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Herewith is a memorandum I have sent to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. You will remember that the several decisions concerning the extension of CORONA therein referred to were made in at least two installments. As a result, there was some uncertainty in the Pentagon as to what had been decided especially with respect to the security to be observed during the second phase of the Project. As you are aware, this in turn has a bearing on organizational arrangements and responsibilities. Moreover, it seemed more orderly to make a record of these decisions. This was the purpose of the attached note. I am especially anxious that you should see it so I may be sure my understanding is correct. If you feel this should be amended in any way, I hope you will so advise me.

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