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SUBJECT: Project CORONA (S)



TO: Commander  
Air Research & Development Command  
Andrews Air Force Base, D.C.

1. Activities incident to Project CORONA have reached such proportions that it is considered necessary to make an appraisal of the project in its entirety. The sensitive nature of the project as well as the number of non-Air Force agencies interested therein add to management complexity.

2. It is desired that you convene a meeting of appropriate Air Force representatives at the earliest practicable date and that you exercise leadership in appraising CORONA. The objectives of this appraisal effort should include but not necessarily be limited to the following:

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a. Preparation of clear statement of the primary and secondary objectives of the project.

b. A clear delineation between the covert and overt objectives.

c. A clear statement of the actions being taken to provide cover for the covert aspects of the project.

d. A clear delineation of the responsibilities assigned the Air Force in this project. (If there is no document which delineates the Air Force responsibility, your appraisal activities should include the drafting of a DOD directive to the Secretary of the Air Force which will be recommended to the Secretary of Defense for signature.)

e. A clear statement of the responsibilities that have been assigned non-Air Force agencies as they are known to us. If available information is inadequate, you should initiate or recommend this headquarters initiate actions which are designed to assure that each responsible participating agency knows what is expected of it and of other participants and that means of effecting prompt coordination are established.

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5. This letter is classified ~~TOP SECRET~~ because of the sensitive nature of this project.

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