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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Project Director
THROUGH : Project Director of Administration
SUBJECT : Information Relative to Cover

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1. On 11 September 1957, the undersigned met with [redacted] (NACA), to conduct routine liaison activities, and at this time the following information was received as a matter of Project interest.

2. The British Government recently announced their efforts to establish a new jet altitude record utilizing the RAF, Canberra aircraft. The British announcement, which was made publicly to all the various trade magazines, states that Pocket Boosters are to be installed on the under portion of the Canberra fuselage at a 35 degree angle, and by this means it is believed that they will successfully reach altitudes in excess of 70,000 feet.

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3. Mr. Bonney also cited a recent conversation he had with the NACA Administrative Director at [redacted] at which time the latter commented that the U-2 is now stationed at [redacted] with the activities there being supervised by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. He indicated that the aircraft was stationed at the North Base, but that he did not know specifically what they were doing there. He was quoted as saying, "It can't be very much because that is one aircraft which isn't going anywhere". This latter observation is the first we have had from the [redacted] facility, and indicates that the U-2 is not drawing too much attention among personnel within the NACA Laboratory. Apparently they have accepted the North Base facility as being Lockheed owned and operated.

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