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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OSA  
Deputy Assistant Director, OSA

SUBJECT : Summary of OSA Activities for Week Ending  
25 October 1963

1. OXCART

a. A meeting was held on 14 October 1963 to discuss the OXCART Contingency Plan with Dr. McMillan in attendance. He raised the much discussed Holtz incident and proposed that active consideration be given now to the controlled surfacing of the AF-12 (LRI). Dr. McMillan agreed that any surfacing in the immediate future should involve only the AF-12 and that decisions involving the R-12 should be deferred, probably until 1965.

b. When [Redacted] was briefed on the results of CPX Dry Run Charlie [Redacted] he expressed the opinion that we need a modification of some areas common to all our CPX's. Namely, first, how does SAC fit into this and what, if any, interplay with them should Headquarters [Redacted] engage in for realism. Second, the twelve-hour period allotted to his flight planners to process the final flight plan of the sensitive area and adequately brief the pilot is not enough time. He requested that he have the final sensitive area flight plan for a minimum of 36 hours in advance of take-off if refueling is involved.

c. Several INS flights were scheduled for the week 14 - 19 October. All but two were aborted because of weather conditions. The Auto-Nav System performed well for both turning and tracking.

NRO and USAF review(s) completed.

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d. Problems with the spike control system and the accompanying vibrations and occasional flameouts are still under study. Efforts to obtain suitable design corrections are being pushed.

2. CORONA

Dr. Wheelon, General Carter and Mr. James A. Cunningham met with the DCI on 15 October to review for him salient features of the Fiscal Year 1965 NRO budget as a means for preparing him for his projected conversations on this subject with Under Secretary of Defense Gilpatric in the near future. Among other things the Director said that he felt we should force for a completely new search system as the next generation vehicle beyond the CORONA.



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