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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE  
SUBJECT: Scheduling of Middle East Maintenance Coverage (C)

1. Reference discussion at the 23 September 1959 ARC meeting, Army Intelligence confirms its request that the October maintenance overflight of the Middle East be accomplished preferably during the last week or ten days of October. Reasons for this request are as follows:

a. Based on 1956 experience, it is known that weather in the area in general will be conducive to combined operations and therefore probably at least near optimum for TALENT photography.

b. In the recent past there have been reports from various sources concerning an Egyptian military buildup in the SINAI and it is believed that the period in question will provide the best information to confirm or refute these reports and at the same time reliably determine Egyptian military posture in the area.

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2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, Navy, and Air Force have been contacted and interposed no objection to the above proposal. It must be realized, however, that this does not preclude from the Services request for earlier or additional overflights should they become warranted.

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ARMY review(s) completed.

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