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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

SUBJECT : Daily Activity Report - 28 October 1963

1. MISSION STATUS

a. **IDEALIST** - On 26 October 1963 the detachments [redacted] [redacted] Edwards Air Force Base California were on standby status.

Mission number 3235 was flown by the IDEALIST detachment [redacted] [redacted] on 26 October over South Laos and North Vietnam; estimate 60% target coverage.

On 27 and 28 October 1963 all [redacted] detachments were on standby status. Edwards was deployed [redacted] and weather was the problem in [redacted]

b. **BRASS KNOB** - On 26 October no SAC U-2 missions over Cuba were scheduled.

On 27 October one SAC U-2 mission was flown over Cuba. Mission #3760 was flown with an estimated 60% target coverage with no reaction.

On 28 October one SAC U-2 mission was flown over Cuba. Mission #3761 was flown with an estimated 60% target coverage with no reaction.

c. **SATELLITES** - Mission #4003 was launched on schedule; (25/1859;28Z). All is reported OK through Revolution #5. On 26 October it continued normal through Revolution #24. On 27 October 1963 a successful air snatch of the capsule from Mission #4003 was made at 27/2157Z.

NRO review(s) completed.

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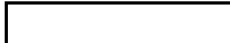
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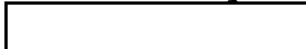


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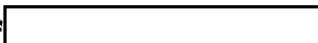
2. OXCART Flight Test Status, 25 October:

a. Aircraft #126 made flight #29 for a duration of fifty-one minutes. Maximum speed was Mach 2.4 and altitude 70,000 feet. Purpose of the flight: Perkin-Elmer Camera test and  KEMPSTER package experiment.

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b. Aircraft #127 made flight #9 for a duration of 1:04 hours. Maximum speed was 2.25 and altitude 65,000 feet. Purpose: shakedown of aircraft in preparation for turn-over to  operational control.

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c. Aircraft #129 made flight #3 for a duration of 1:21 hours. Maximum speed was Mach 2.62 and altitude 72,000 feet. Purpose: manual operation of Lockheed electronic type inlet control. This control, a back-up to the  inlet control, has been installed in Aircraft #129 for test purposes.

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d. Status of other OXCART Aircraft:

(1) Aircraft #121 - undergoing inlet duct modification. Next flight: 29 or 30 October.

(2) Aircraft #122 - undergoing routine maintenance. Next flight: 28 October.

(3) Aircraft #124: undergoing periodic inspection. Next flight: 30 October.

(4) Aircraft #125: undergoing an engine change. Next flight: 28 October.

(5) Aircraft #128 is awaiting vertical fins and Aircraft #130 is in process of assembly. Comment: The static test of a newly configured plastic fin was accomplished successfully. The present inventory of fins are being modified to the new configuration at

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