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MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, DPD  
SUBJECT : Aerial Observation of Area 51

1. John Parangosky and I have previously discussed the advisability of having a U-2 take photographs of Area 51 and without advising the photographic interpreters of what the target is, ask them to determine what type of activity is being conducted at the site photographed.

2. In connection with the upcoming CORONA shots, it might be advisable to cut in a pass crossing the Nevada Test Site to see what we ourselves could learn from satellite reconnaissance of the Area. This coupled with coverage from the Deuce and subsequent photographic interpretation would give us a pretty fair idea of what deductions and conclusions could be made by the Soviets should Sputnik 13 have a reconnaissance capability.

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