

GLOSSARY

ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY (ARPA): agency established within the Department of Defense with authority over military space projects

AGENA: rocket engine used in CORONA programs

AQUATONE: code name for U-2 Project

ATLAS: missile used as booster for **SENTRY/SAMOS**

COMINT: Communications Intelligence

CORONA, ARGON, LANYARD: Names for space-based national intelligence reconnaissance systems

DISCOVERER: term used in public as cover for **CORONA**

DISCOVERER XIV: First completed reconnaissance satellite launch resulting in successful recovery of imagery, launched August 18, 1960

ELINT: Electronic Intelligence

GENETRIX: code name for high-altitude balloons used for intelligence purposes

MIDAS: Missile Defense Alarm System (infrared detection and surveillance system) – separated from the **WS-117L (SAMOS)** Program in November 1958

OX CART: term for aircraft planned as successor to the U-2 – the A12/SR-71

PRESIDENT'S BOARD OF CONSULTANTS ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (often abbreviated to "PFIAB" for President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board): An advisory Board appointed by President Eisenhower in 1956 to advise the President on intelligence activities and to oversee U.S. Government intelligence programs

TALENT: security system for imagery collected by aircraft

TALENT-KEYHOLE: security system for imagery collected by satellites

WS-117-L: Designator for USAF programs involving development of reconnaissance satellites. Eventually divided into two distinct series (1) –**DISCOVERER (CORONA- THOR boost)** (2) –**SENTRY** (later known as **SAMOS – ATLAS boost**)

THOR: missile used as booster for **CORONA**

TYURA TAM: Soviet missile launching site, and key target for collecting data on Soviet ICBMs