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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY



Dear Homer :

We have your letters of September 12 relating to NASA interest in exploring utilization of certain MOL developed hardware and related technology. It is reasonable, I believe, to proceed with these studies to the extent you suggest and we are prepared to assist as you require.

Colonel Lew Allen of my Office of Space Systems will be the focal point for our support and he will make arrangements as required with SAFSP.

To help prepare the work statement, may I offer the assistance of certain Air Force personnel now in the Washington area, and thoroughly familiar with the equipment.

I would like to have some of our people participate at least in the initial studies involving the ATS. This would permit us to determine at an early date, what further interest we will have in the experiment as it may proceed.

I agree that it is necessary to conduct the initial analyses within the existing security arrangements (the BYEMAN Control System). We will arrange for a suitable method of contracting upon receipt of your work statement and appropriate funds.

As you have suggested, there are a number of policy questions that must be addressed if the results of your initial investigation so warrant. However, such



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considerations are not required at this time and should  
present no obstacle to your immediate plan.

Sincerely,

*B. J.*

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