

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

FOR COL. MANNING

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please call.

Gene Jr.

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P/A GUIDANCE - DOD MANNED ORBITING LABORATORY (MOL) PROGRAM

General: The security policy for MOL is as specified by DOD Directive S-5200.13 and implemented in AFR 205-23. The procedures contained in these directives apply to all military experiments and payloads and to those aspects of the laboratory vehicle which reveal the specific mission or capabilities of the military payloads.

Objective: To protect the security of the MOL program through the application of a carefully planned, modest, low-key release of public information.

Policy: All public information releases must flow through a single DOD point of review - the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). It is anticipated that an Executive announcement will expand the authority of the ASD (PA) to include the review of proposed statements or releases by all Executive Departments or Agencies.

Public information releases will deal exclusively with the unclassified technological aspects of the MOL program, such as the booster system, the life support system, engineering for long life on orbit, launching technology, communication plans, biomedical experiments, and the like.

Military objectives, operational goals and capabilities will not be discussed in public information releases.

Procedures:

- A. News Releases: Proposed releases concerning the MOL program will be submitted through channels to the OASD (PA) for approval. Information will be submitted for clearance as early as practicable in order that sufficient time can be allotted to the extensive inter-agency coordination required prior to approval.

B. Speeches: Speeches concerning the MOL program will be discouraged, and must not be made without ~~the~~ specific authorization by the OASD (PA). References to the MOL program in public addresses on related or other topics will be held to an absolute minimum and will also be subject to review and approval by the OASD (PA).

C. Answers to Queries: Answers to queries may be provided only within the context of the aggregate of material that has been released officially. A resume of this material is attached. Queries which do not fall within the aggregate will be submitted through channels to OASD (PA) for review and guidance, as appropriate.

Responsibility: ASSIGNMENT:

~~The responsibility for implementation of this guidance within the DOD has been assigned to~~ The Director of Information, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force (SAF-OI); **IS ASSIGNED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PREPARATION OF** SAF-OI will prepare a public information plan for MOL which treats in detail the planned actions for each of the significant scheduled events in the MOL program:

Selection of astronauts

Contract awards

Establishment of MOL Advisory Group

Signing of AF-NASA agreement

TITAN III C
~~TIIC~~ test launchings

Completion of ~~CDF phase~~ **THE CONTRACT DEFINITION PHASE**

Beginning of development phase

Delivery of modified Gemini 2 spacecraft

Delivery of first laboratory

First all up launching

First unmanned launching

Selection of crew and backup crew for first manned launching

First manned launching

Selection of crews for subsequent launchings

Selection of experiments to be performed.