

*Further memo for record: This memo read and re-confirmed by Dr. Flax on April 1967.*

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

1. During a 22 Oct discussion with me, Dr. Flax expressed the following views on NRO and SAFSP responsibilities related to the MOL program:

a. The DORIAN payload is an NRO payload, for which he holds me responsible for development, acquisition and test, including decisions as to the configuration of the payload.

b. I am not to carry out this responsibility by simply providing the payload people to the MOL management, serving as the contracting officer, monitoring what is being done, with actual control of payload design, development and tests, etc., being determined by the MOL organization using my payload people, with my acquiescence or coordination. I am fully responsible for this payload in the same sense that I am responsible for the 206 payload, with three exceptions: (1) I may receive directives directly from General Schriever, after approval by Dr. Flax in each case, with an information copy simultaneously going to General Berg, under procedures Dr. Flax is working out; (2) I must comply with overall systems integration and overall systems engineering instructions from General Berg concerning the integration of the payload into the complete MOL system; (3) I must comply with vehicle-payload interface specifications provided to me by General Berg.

c. Although he recognizes that a joint effort is necessary to carry out the studies directed to me in WHIG 0501 concerning manned/unmanned DORIAN capabilities, he holds me directly responsible for this work, including the approaches taken and the validity and credibility of the results and including the resulting presentation, insofar as all reconnaissance aspects are concerned, and including determination of when the reconnaissance study results are in hand which warrant such presentation.

2. Dr. Flax stated that he has agreed that General Schriever will follow the overall MOL funding for both black and white aspects, but that the funds for my use will be made available to me in the same manner presently employed for my other NRO responsibilities.

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