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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Aerospace Support for MS-285

1. The subject of Aerospace support for the MS-285/MOL effort was brought up by Dr. Getting during discussions on 7 April 1964 with the Secretary, General Greer, General Martin, Colonel Berg, Colonel Strand and the undersigned.

2. In the discussion, Dr. Getting presented the position that approximately 20 MTS should be applied to this problem over the next three months to aid EKC and the Air Force in the definitive definition of the payload and payload/MOL interface prior to the starting of MOL Phase I in September. Such an effort would supposedly eliminate costly mistakes in the critical definition phase of MOL. He did qualify the number of 20 by stating that his people presently working with us had recommended a number of six.

3. The following thoughts on this subject are presented for consideration.

a. It is difficult to envision how a level of 20 MTS could be profitably applied to this effort at this time unless we are considering actually attempting to integrate a design into MOL by a September date. I did not get this impression from the comments made in this meeting. If we are still thinking of "experiments" initially in MOL, I don't think we should attempt to overpower the problem under consideration at EKC at this time with a large number of cleared people.

b. The present modest pace would appear to offer the soundest approach. It would seem that as areas are identified that may need more assistance or depth of investigation, they can either be passed over to the "white" side or additional personnel brought in as needed. Many things are already known and identified that could be actively explored and investigated in the "white" by the Aerospace MOL people. For example, the LMSC simulator effort could be immediately expanded with meaningful results. Likewise the radar aspect as it pertains to MOL.

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c. I feel that the number of six MTS actively engaged in the "black" side of this effort would represent the maximum need at this time and perhaps even this number could be questioned.

4. The direction to Dr. Getting from the Secretary on this subject was for Aerospace to present a proposal of their desired support activities for consideration.


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