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Dr. Homer E. Newell  
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Washington, D. C. 20546

Dear Dr. Newell:

As you recall from our DORIAN briefing on MOL to NASA on June 30 and our conversation after the MSFEB meeting on July 25, there are some interesting contributions which MOL can make to space astronomy on a non-interference basis to the primary MOL mission of high resolution reconnaissance. I believe both of us are interested in pursuing this subject further, and therefore I suggest that we form a small working group to examine scientific merit and technical feasibility of the application of MOL to astronomic experiments. It is particularly necessary to examine the problem of the security implications involved in the dissemination of data to the scientific community.

I would like to suggest that Dr. Michael Yarymovych, who is the Technical Director on the MOL Program, be my representative on the working group. Your representative should, of course, have the proper clearances to enter into these types of discussions.

I am looking forward to your early reply nominating your representative so that the group can begin work and arrive at some early conclusions. These conclusions may have an impact on MOL mission planning and astronaut training. These probably could be easily accommodated at the present stage of MOL system development and might be much more difficult later in the development cycle.

Sincerely,



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Vice Director, MOL Program

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