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Dr. Flax was somewhat
appalled at the prospect of either
initiating an astronomy program
with MOL at this time or
working a magnet relationship
with NASA on use of DOORNS optics.

Nevertheless he feels somewhat
bound to cooperate with NASA
when requested to do so - per
present agreements.

He suggested perhaps returning
discussions at SAC level and
getting subject in to higher level
MSFB or whatever it is called.

I am somewhat disturbed

at the way we have come in
to this m. i. e. Evans to Burg.
As I read the procedure
wouldn't it be better for SAFSC to
go to Flay directly and say this
is NRO matter rather than
NRO staff matter?

I suggest that the entire
file go back to SAFSC with
notation " DOD/NASA agreement
say this. Before any negotiation
as indicated DPRO should be advised
of this MOC option use etc etc.
Suggest you do advise Dr. Flay what
SAFSC has done. The NRO staff stand
ready to be responsive to further
DPRO direction."

Russ

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Functions : NASA
MOL

MEMORANDUM

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FOR GENERAL STEWART, SAFSL

Jim, as you know, the use of MOL for astronomical purposes poses some security problems which may well be unsolvable. Our UPWARD experience is making us particularly wary in this regard.

Dr. Flax is now preparing comments on MOL/NASA astronomy; this will be a subject for discussion at the next NRO ExCom meeting.

I suggest that the attached correspondence be held in toto in SAFSL pending the completion of the ExCom paper. After that, we can discuss a meeting with him to plan our next move.

Flax

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