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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL FERGUSON

SUBJECT: Recent MOL Events

Attached for your information is the MOL management directive signed by Dr. Flax on June 23. In essence, it places all responsibility for all aspects of the MOL Program clearly under the Director, MOL (including "black" procurement authority vested in General Keeling as Assistant Director, MOL, for Procurement).

As you may note, Dr. Brown delegated the necessary procuring authority to General Keeling on June 20. On the same date, we had General Keeling placed on AF orders as Assistant Director, MOL (Procurement) as an additional duty (General Higgins will assume this job when General Keeling is reassigned). As a result, we were able to sign the last two outstanding MOL contracts -- the GE and DAC "black" contracts -- last Friday.

At the moment, we are redrafting various existing MOL management directives in line with Dr. Flax's memo; most of these will require your signature. Also we are planning for the possible visit by Mr. McNamara to GE and EK in late July or early August (Doctors Flax and Foster may "prevue" this trip o/a July 18). Additionally, Mr. Humphrey may visit NPIC on July 25 in conjunction with the third astronaut orientation course which will be underway then; we are planning for this one, and I will keep you advised.

signed.

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