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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ~~FLAX~~


SUBJECT: Nixon Staff Task Force on Space

As a possible enlightenment concerning the purpose or mission of the Nixon Staff Task Force on Space, the following statement was offered by the Committee's secretary (Mr. George A. Derbyshire) during his security briefing:

As you know, the purpose of the Committee is to determine whether we need any more information on man's ability to perform in space... This is important when looking to a 700 day mission... Is it necessary to continue to conduct more experiments in this area, or will we have enough data from military and other sources? We want to avoid a duplication of effort and be sure all sources of available data are used before initiating new programs.

The distinct impression I had was that the Committee is primarily concerned with NASA not duplicating a DOD effort, if that effort provides all necessary data.

Mr. Derbyshire also stated he does not anticipate the use of DORIAN data in the Committee's report, and assured me he will contact our office if DORIAN or space reconnaissance data is used in any way.

  
Captain, USAF  
Asst for Security

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