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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE **DORIAN**
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

June 30, 1969

DR. SEAMANS:

On the opposite page for your signature is a BYEMAN-classified memorandum to Mr. Hansen directing the establishment of an Ad Hoc Group to review residual MOL hardware, technology, and experience and insure maximum national benefit therefrom. Also included for signature is an unclassified version of the memo.

The proposed memo was reviewed in draft form by Mr. Hansen and he concurs. I have discussed this subject with General Ferguson who also concurs.

Dr. Yarymovych does plan to include NASA and DDR&E members in the Group. I discussed this with Gen Smart; Mr. Schneider and/or one of his cleared key assistants will participate. The Ad Hoc Group will have a preliminary planning meeting here on July 1 and convene on the West Coast next week.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HANSEN, SAFRD

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What I have in mind is an Ad Hoc Group of appropriate individuals to accomplish the following:

- o Identify all significant MOL hardware, test and checkout equipment, technology, etc., which might be useful to DOD and/or NASA. Review MOL Program/System Office disposition actions and plans in this regard and provide any necessary additional guidance.

- o Identify any essential MOL work which must be continued in other AF projects. Review actions already taken, underway, or planned and provide any necessary guidance or direction to the appropriate AF agency.

- o Identify desirable MOL technology which might be continued as follow-on Exploratory or Advanced Development projects, and provide any necessary guidance or direction to the appropriate AF agency.

- o Prepare a report on all of the above as of August 1.

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Although those elements of the DORIAN camera system that are applicable to an unmanned system and in the process of transfer to the National Reconnaissance Program are excluded from this review, the Ad Hoc Group should consider all man-unique aspects of the MOL camera system regardless of classification.

To facilitate its use, the report of the Ad Hoc Group should be a non-BYEMAN document and make no inference of any such material. BYEMAN-classified aspects of the MOL Program dealt with by the Group should be covered in a supplementary annex to the basic document.

Attached for your use, as appropriate, is an unclassified version of this memorandum.

ROBERT C. SEAMANS Jr.

Attachment
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