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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARIAT RECORD

SUBJECT: Proceedings of Air Force MOL Policy Committee Meeting 65-1,
25 February 1965

1. The full committee met at 0830. Because of the requirement for Generals Schriever and Ferguson to depart early, the briefing on Source Selection Board results was presented first, followed by the other items, in order.

2. Source Selection Board (SSB) Results.

The briefing team on this subject consisted of General Maxwell, SSB Chairman, and Colonel Hedrick, SSD, accompanied by Colonel Nudenberg, Hq AFSC, and Colonel Carter, SAF-SL. The briefing covered source selection procedures, results, and recommendations for selection of contractors to perform preliminary design studies on the MOL Laboratory Vehicle. In accordance with DDR&E guidance, three contractors were recommended for selection. In ensuing discussion, and based on the close relative final standing of the third and fourth ranked competing companies, the Committee agreed that the first four ranked companies should be awarded study contracts. Secretary Zuckert then directed that the four winners, i.e., Boeing, Douglas, General Electric, and Lockheed companies, be contracted with to perform the Laboratory Vehicle preliminary design studies. He further directed that the source selection briefing and the decision to select four contractors be presented to DDR&E.

At the conclusion of this portion of the meeting, Dr. McMillan, General Schriever and Lieutenant General Ferguson left, as did the Source Selection briefing team. Colonel Carter remained in his capacity as Deputy, SAF-SL. General Ritland remained, representing General Schriever. General Evans briefed the remainder of the meeting starting with Administration.

3. Committee Administration.

The recommended policies and procedures for the conduct of Committee business presented by General Evans were adapted from procedures used by the Gemini Program Planning Board. In discussion on this item, Secretary Zuckert stated his preference that the procedures for minutes, reports, etc., follow those presently used by the DSMG.

On the subject of designation of alternates, Dr. Flax stated that either he or Dr. McMillan should be present at each meeting. Secretary

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Zuckert and Mr. Marks declined to nominate alternates. General McConnell nominated the Vice Chief of Staff as his alternate. It was left to the Executive Secretary to obtain names of designated alternates from Generals Schriever and Ferguson.

Concerning scheduling of future meetings, Secretary Zuckert indicated that meetings should be called only when problems could be identified which required consideration by the full Committee, and that meetings devoted to informational-type items only were not desired.

4. MOL Program Security Policy.

Based on the fact that Dr. McMillan was absent and not able to participate, Secretary Zuckert requested that only a brief summary on security policy be presented. General Evans summarized, stating that the program would be conducted under DOD Directive 5200.13 and AFR 205-23, as prescribed by SAFUS on 19 February 1965.

5. MOL Program Status Report.

General Evans outlined to the Committee the various actions which were underway to achieve the revised objectives specified in the DDR&E memorandum of 4 January 1965. The presentation was concluded with a description of the interaction of events visually depicted by a PERT-type diagram and a chart summarizing the actions completed to date.

Subsequent to the presentation, General Ritland made a strong plea to Secretary Zuckert for assistance in our working relations with the NASA. He emphasized that in his opinion NASA was not bound by the same security constraints as the DOD and might use the Congressional hearings as a forum for public debates on the virtues of a NASA space station to accomplish DOD experiments. He stated that General Schriever had been encouraging NASA to accomplish DOD research and technology objectives in its space flights but that NASA was tending to include not only these objectives but satisfaction of DOD system and operational objectives as well. He further stated that Mr. Grey of NASA, with whom he was having meetings and discussions, was forecasting the availability of 6 SATURN I-B's and 6 SATURN C-V's from a production line on a non-interference basis with the basic APOLLO program. NASA is planning to take representatives of the PSAC to visit various of their facilities in the next few weeks and would undoubtedly convey to them this kind of information. General Ritland stated a need for a paper to Mr. Webb, possibly from Mr. McNamara, which would enjoin them to the constraints of the security presently imposed upon the DOD with respect to the MOL program.

Secretary Zuckert agreed and requested an appropriate letter on the subject be prepared for Dr. McMillan to send to the Secretary of Defense.

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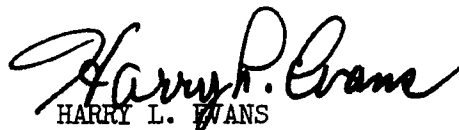
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6. MOL Scientific Advisory Committee.

Because of Dr. McMillan's absence and the lack of time, this agenda item was not discussed.

7. The meeting adjourned at 1030.



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MINUTES OF MEETING 65-1

AIR FORCE MOL POLICY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1965

ROOM 4E869, PENTAGON

Attendance:

Committee:

Hon. Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force, Chairman
General John P. McConnell, Chief of Staff, USAF
Dr. Brockway McMillan, Under Secretary of the Air Force
General B. A. Schriever, Commander, AFSC
*Maj. General O. J. Ritland, Dep. Commander for Space, AFSC
Hon. Alexander H. Flax, Asst. Secretary of the Air Force (R&D)
Hon. Leonard Marks, Jr., Asst. Secretary of the Air Force (FM)
Lt. General James Ferguson, DCS/R&D

Secretariat:

Brig. General Harry L. Evans, SAF-SL, Executive Secretary
Colonel David L. Carter, SAF-SL
Major D. S. Floyd, SAF-SL

Proceedings:

1. The meeting was called to order at 0830 by the Chairman. Because of other commitments requiring various members to leave early, the order of discussion of agenda items was revised, as indicated below.

2. The results of source selection of contractors to perform Lab Vehicle design studies was presented by General Maxwell, SSB Chairman, and Colonel Hedrick (SSD), attended by Colonel Nudenberg, Hq AFSC, and Colonel Carter. Three contractors were recommended for award of study contracts. In view of the close ranking of the third and fourth contractor in the final standings of the competitive evaluation, the Committee agreed that four rather than three contractors should be awarded study contracts.

*Alternate for General Schriever

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3. General Evans presented recommendations concerning administration policies and procedures to be used in conduct of Committee business.

a. Secretary Zuckert stated the preference that Committee administration follow that used by the Designated Systems Management Group. He further stated as Committee policy that meetings should be called only for action-type agenda items; meetings for presentation of status information only should be avoided.

b. The Committee agreed that members other than SecAF, SAFUS, and SAFRD could nominate alternates to attend Committee meetings, but that either SAFUS or SAFRD would have to be present to conduct business.

4. General Evans briefly reviewed the security policies established by SAFUS for conduct of the MOL Program. These procedures require conduct of the program under the provisions of DOD Directive 5200.13 and AFR 205-23.

5. General Evans provided a brief report outlining activities being conducted to meet the 15 May date for submission of a MOL Program package to DDR&E. Concerning NASA relationship to the program, General Ritland stated that security constraints on DOD activities were placing the Air Force at a disadvantage vis-a-vis NASA in public and Congressional discussions concerning assignment of management responsibilities and operational requirements of a space station program. He strongly recommended that the imbalance be corrected, possibly through a letter on the subject from the Secretary of Defense to the Administrator, NASA. The Committee agreed in the need for a more balanced presentation of space station issues to Congress and the public, based on observance of security constraints by both agencies.

The Secretary of the Air Force Directed:

That a letter be prepared to the Chief of Staff, USAF, authorizing award of Lab Vehicle design study contracts to the Boeing, Douglas, General Electric and Lockheed companies.

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That the source selection results be presented to DDR&E.

Action: SAF-SL

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That a letter be prepared for SAFUS signature to the Secretary of Defense stating a requirement to enjoin NASA to observe DOD security constraints in public and Congressional presentations concerning the space station program.

Action: SAF-SL

The meeting was adjourned at 1030.



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