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Dear Bob:

The DDR&E letter of January 29, 1965, to you, stated that the Air Force would provide to NASA by March 1, the essential features of experiments and the earth-orbit vehicle characteristics required for the Manned Orbiting Laboratory Program. This data will be forwarded to NASA shortly.

I am sure you will agree to the need for strict, sound security procedures to protect the various military objectives and capabilities for manned and unmanned operations of the MOL Program. The Department of Defense is now restricting dissemination of all military experiment and payload data on a rigidly controlled "Special Access" basis to insure that only those individuals who have a valid need-to-know are provided access.

I would propose that NASA institute similar policy and procedures for protection of this information. The attached proposed directive, intended for issuance by NASA, contains all the essential elements of the Department of Defense security directives. I plan to identify to you any experimentation, which is non-military in nature, and therefore would not be subject to such security policy.

I would appreciate your concurrence or comments to this approach as soon as possible so as not to inhibit the flow of essential information. I have requested Brigadier General Harry L. Evans to render such assistance as may be required to your organization.

Sincerely,

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