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AF/ACDDA will furnish shipping instructions and fund citation for preparation and shipment; no cost is to be incurred on MOL contracts. Request that inventory list of items associated with these computers be furnished AF/ACDDA and this office, with the earliest dates on which these items could be shipped. For your information the IBM 360/44 is urgently needed to fulfill an Air Force requirement and should be the first item considered for shipment.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. NAKA

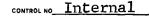
SUBJECT: MOL Computers

Mr. Hubbard called to ask that we send a letter to Mr. Culbertson to kick off the return of the MOL Mission Development Simulator computers to the Air Force. A letter from you to Mr. Culbertson, who is the Director, Advanced Manned Missions Program, should be sufficient for this purpose. He is briefed, and has been fully aware of the Simulator transfer proceedings from the beginning. He understands our problem but needs a white piece of paper for his people to act upon.

Recommend that you sign the letter at the right.

FREDERICK L. HOFMANN Major, USAF

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March 17, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. P. E. CULBERTSON, NASA

SUBJECT: MOL Mission Development Simulator Computers

You may recall that following the termination of the Air Force MOL Program we arranged to make the Mission Development Simulator and its associated computers available to NASA. This was accomplished with the understanding that the simulator had application to the SKYLAB Program. We considered the interdepartmental transfer of the computers justifiable on the basis that best use to the Government would accrue from transferring the simulator as an entity.

We are aware that changing program requirements have precluded NASA use of the Mission Development Simulator for its intended purpose. In view of this, we now have no basis for attempting to justify the transfer to the pertinent offices within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Defense Supply Agency and General Services Administration who approve computer reutilization. Furthermore, the Air Force now has an urgent requirement for the IBM 360/44 computers included in the simulator. I would, therefore, appreciate your initiating action within NASA to effect return to the Air Force of the Mission Development Simulator computers.

I would be pleased to furnish any further information you may need.

Robert Naka

F. Robert Naka Deputy Under Secretary (Space Systems)