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To: XI Department, Ball

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Subject: Advanced Engineering Tests

Reference:

Reference A) states that the MS-117L Program IIIA flight
Schedule is as follows:

Flights 1 & 2 Phase A engineering tests

Flights 3, 4, 6, 8, & 10 Air medical

Flights 5, 7, & 9 Phase B Advanced Engineering Tests

Reference B) adds four more Thor boosted vehicles to the IIIA
program, and these flights will also be Advanced Engineering
Tests.

Since the Advanced Engineering Test flights involve recovery,
the payload development responsibility for these flights has been
assigned to the Recovery System Development Department. Because of
the critical space shortage at the Palo Alto plant and the sensi-
tive nature of these experiments, the actual development work will
be done at another location.

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