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ATTN: MR. JOHN PARANGOSKY FROM [REDACTED]

SUBJ: FLIGHT 9009 PAYLOAD EVALUATION

REF: OUR PHONE CONVERSATION 23 AUG 1960

This is referring to

1. A DISCUSSION WITH COL. MURPHY WAS HELD 25 AUGUST TO REVIEW ALTERNATE METHODS FOR ANALYSIS OF SUBJECT PAYLOAD TO (1) DETERMINE VEHICLE PERFORMANCE AND (2) DETERMINE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE. IN VIEW OF THE VEHICLE FLIGHT PERFORMANCE, THIS REQUIREMENT HAS BECOME VERY URGENT. CONSIDERING ALL ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSED, THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS AVAILABILITY OF PERFORMANCE DATA APPEARS TO BE A PRELIMINARY INPUT AS TO ATTITUDES AND RATES DISCUSSED BELOW ON 26 AUGUST AT PALO ALTO AND A REVIEW OF ALL ENGINEERING PASS' DATA INCLUDING PLOTS, IF AVAILABLE, AT PRIME'S FACILITY ON 30 AUGUST. AS DISCUSSED IN OUR CONVERSATION ON TUESDAY THIS APPEARS TO BE SATISFACTORY. IN THE EVENT PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN IN THE MEANTIME TO MAKE THIS AN UNSUITABLE PLAN, AN ALTERNATIVE CAN BE EXECUTED. PLEASE CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PLAN.

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2. PRELIMINARY DATA REQUESTED BY COL. MURPHY AND [REDACTED] OF LMSD CONSISTED OF VEHICLE ATTITUDE IN THE MOST EXTREME POSITION AND CORRESPONDING RATES. THIS WAS TO BE REDUCED FOR INJECTION, PASS ONE, PASS TWO A, PASS TWO B AND PASS 3. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE DATA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON 26 AUGUST. IF TIME PERMITS PRIOR TO EITHER THE PRELIMINARY TRANSMISSION ON 26 AUGUST OR COURIERED DATA ON 30 AUGUST, ATTITUDES SHOULD BE REDUCED FOR THE START AND COMPLETION OF EACH OPERATIONAL CYCLE MAINTAINED ABOVE.

3. TO SATISFY THE SECOND REQUIREMENT OF ANALYSIS OF SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE, THREE PEOPLE ARE REQUIRED FOR ACCESS TO OPERATIONAL DATA. THESE WILL BE MESSRS [REDACTED] LMSD; [REDACTED] ITEK, AND [REDACTED] FCIC. IT IS INTENDED THESE PEOPLE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AT YOUR CONVENIENCE AFTER THE ENGINEERING REVIEW.

END OF MESSAGE.

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