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ATTN: [REDACTED] V. WEBB

DUE TO 4 RECENT FAILURES OF TRANSFORMER IN AGENA GUIDANCE SYSTEM, IT IS PLANNED TO FLY MSN 1040 AND POSSIBLY MSN 1041 NOSE FIRST. TRANSFORMER IS IN CIRCUIT THAT CONTROLS YAW AROUND OF SPACE VEHICLE. *What about final yaw around when recovery attempted? If nose first you will have to be done three, once for each recovery. If tail first you done only once.* WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET 29 MARCH LAUNCH DATE NOSE FIRST.

HOWEVER, DUE TO EXTRA THREE DAYS' EFFORT REQUIRED AND WORKLOAD OF AP TECHNICIANS IT APPEARS, AT THIS TIME, THAT BACK-UP PAYLOAD WILL BE AT F-13 ON 29 MARCH IF MSN 1041 IS TO BE NOSE FIRST.

RELATED SUBJECT: REQUEST ANY INPUTS OR CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING FLYING A J-1 COLOR FILM MISSION PRIOR AUG 1967. WOULD LIKE TO COMMIT J-37 (WITH OR WITHOUT COLOR FILM) TO A MAY OR JUNE MISSION. THIS WOULD EXPEND ALL PAYLOADS IN CONTRACT [REDACTED] LEAVING ONLY J-1 PAYLOADS OF THE J42-53 CONFIGURATION.

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