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SUBJECT: DOD Public Affairs Guidance EX #1-C							Murray Snyder		
Following guidance is forwarded regarding public statements concerning Discoverer satellite launchings due to take place from West Coast United States in near future:							TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE		
1. No comment is authorized on political or legal implications of satellite's orbit, such as location over the Soviet Union or							Murray Snyder		
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other Communist territory.

2. Queries as to possibility of foreign protests and all other questions in the area of U. S. foreign relations will be referred to Washington.

3. Avoid interpretive comment and predictions relating to official reports issued on the satellite's progress.

4. Comments as to military applications deriving from this experiment, and comments relating to subsequent firings in the Discoverer Series will be confined to the substance of the statement issued by the Director, ARPA, on Dec 3, 1958, quoted below:

"The first attempt to launch a satellite over the Pacific Missile Range will be made late this year or early next year from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, the Department of Defense announced today. This launching will be part of a series — designated PROJECT DISCOVERER — to be carried out by the Department of the Air Force under the direction of the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency.

"The purpose of ARPA's PROJECT DISCOVERER is to continue development of a number of systems and techniques which will be employed in the operation of space vehicles. Although no precise number of launchings has been scheduled for the project, it is expected a considerable number will be attempted because of the nature and variety of the experiments involved and the fact that the satellites will orbit only for short periods of time.

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"The initial launchings primarily will be to test the vehicle itself, especially its propulsion and guidance. Later, the satellites will contain biomedical specimens to seek data on environmental conditions which will be useful to the man-in-space program being carried out jointly by ARPA and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. As part of this program, live animals also will be carried aloft and their recovery attempted in order to develop the techniques involved.

"The first DISCOVERER vehicle is a 2-stage rocket. The main stage is a modified THOR IREM produced by the Douglas Aircraft Company. The second stage is a new vehicle produced by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and powered by a Bell-Hustler engine.

"The first DISCOVERER-launched satellites are expected to weigh approximately 1300 pounds. This includes the weight of the second stage vehicle which will orbit as an integral part of the satellite after burnout. Initial versions of the DISCOVERER satellite are designed to orbit for short periods of time at relatively low altitude. High altitudes are not possible with the weight-thrust ratio established for the DISCOVERER.

"Much of the data expected to be obtained from PROJECT DISCOVERER, such as results of the biomedical flights, will be of general scientific interest and will be unclassified. Other results which will be highly significant for the development of later systems and techniques for space navigation involve national security and will be classified."

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5. This plan for the initial Discoverer firing applies to this shot only and does not necessarily establish the public information pattern for subsequent DOD or NASA firings.

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