

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE****ATTENTION: Under Secretary Malcolm A. MacIntyre****SUBJECT: Public Information - Project DISCOVERY**

In confirmation of our several conversations, there is attached herewith for your information data and a procedure for public release relating to the project DISCOVERY program at Vandenberg Air Force Base. The information which may be released is contained in the attached press release and a series of questions and answers. The initial release will be issued by the Department of Defense in the near future. Pending that release, no data relating to this program should be issued by the Department of the Air Force.

In accordance with our agreement, this office has accomplished the necessary clearances throughout the Department of Defense, the OCB, and in the Executive Office of the President.

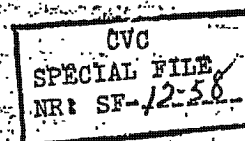
In view of over-all policy restricting press coverage and public information on firings from Vandenberg Air Force Base, it is requested that all interested agencies within the Department of the Air Force be advised of the contents of this release, the questions and answers relating thereto and the requirement that publicity be limited entirely to the data contained therein.

A preliminary press plan, to be circulated through public information channels for concurrence or comment, is attached for your information. This press plan will be officially transmitted through public information channels, and will, after coordination, cover procedures for further public release on the DISCOVERY series. When releases have been authorized, every effort should be made to insure public understanding that the DISCOVERY series is not associated with project 117L.

Any questions requiring responses beyond the information contained in these documents should be referred to the Director, ARPA. Your attention is invited to the fact that both the launching site and the

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components in the vehicle itself contain elements of military security. This is indicated in the press release and should serve to allay questioning beyond that contained in the press release and the questions and answers.

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Director

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Press Plan