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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DWAYNE S. ANDERSON, OASD/ISA

SUBJECT: Agreement on Assistance to and Return of Astronauts
and Objects Launched into Outer Space.

REFERENCE: Draft U. S. Position Paper, same subject, dated
26 September 1967 (Confidential).

We have reviewed the referenced paper in coordination with
SAFSL and the following comments represent the joint position of
SAFSS and SAFSL.

We believe Article 2 is unnecessarily weak with respect to the
rights of the launching state to conduct rescue operations in the ter-
ritory of another state. In order to strengthen it, we recommend the
following change to the last sentence and the addition of a new sentence,
as follows:

"If the Contracting Party is not in a position to effect a
prompt rescue, it shall, subject to control by its own
authorities for purpose of safety and security, fully co-
operate with the launching authority with a view to the
effective conduct of search and rescue operations. For
the purpose of this Article, full cooperation means the
drastic reduction or elimination of the usual permissions
and authorities for the entry of personnel and equipment
of the launching authority into the territorial sovereignty
of the Contracting Party to assist in and conduct rescue
operations.

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U.S. Proposal No. 1 - Alternative to Last Sentence of
Draft Article 2 - Territorial Assistance

If assistance by the launching authority would contribute to a prompt rescue, the launching authority shall cooperate with the Contracting Party with a view to the effective conduct of search and rescue operations. Such operations shall be subject to the direction and control of the Contracting Party, which shall act in close and continuing consultation with the launching authority.

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U.S. Proposal No. 2 - Alternative to Last Sentence of Draft
Article 2 - Territorial Assistance.

If assistance by the launching authority would help to effect a prompt rescue or would contribute substantially to the effectiveness of search and rescue operations, the Contracting Party shall cooperate with the launching authority with a view to the effective conduct of search and rescue operations. Such operations shall be subject to the direction and control of the Contracting Party, which shall act in close and continuing consultation with the launching authority.