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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: PERCHERON Conference with Mr. Jaffe

On 15 June, General Berg, Colonel Carter, Colonel R. S. Ford and I met with Mr. Jaffe, of NASA, to discuss PERCHERON.

General Berg made it clear to Mr. Jaffe that our purpose was to give him data from which he could make his own decisions. We were not attempting to influence a judgment on a project or on a contractor selection.

With Colonel Ford's assistance, General Berg outlined the "facts of life" on PERCHERON.

1. There are only two shells available. These will be "sanitized."
2. ATLAS boosters will be a NASA problem.
3. There is no launching pad at VAFB for PERCHERON.
4. The launching and recovery services, which G. E. refers to so casually, are not G. E.'s to negotiate.

Mr. Jaffe said he appreciated this information. He is losing interest in G. E., largely because the LMSC proposal sounds better to him. He plans to run a study competition for 40-60 days between G. E. and LMSC.

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