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FOR GENERAL MARTIN FROM DR. FLAX. INFO FOR MR. C. DUCKETT.

SUBJECT: HEXAGON SOFTWARE PROCUREMENT

TO INSURE TIMELY CONTRACT NEGOTIATION, DEVELOPMENT,
AND TESTING OF THE HEXAGON ON-ORBIT SOFTWARE, REQUEST
YOU PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO PLAN FOR PROCUREMENT OF
COMPUTER PROGRAMS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS FUNCTION IN
ACCORDANCE WITH MY MEMORANDUM OF MARCH 15, 1969
ON HEXAGON SOFTWARE.

REQUEST YOU PROVIDE A SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT PLAN
AND IDENTIFY FUNDING AND SCHEDULE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT
THE ABOVE DECISION NO LATER THAN 25 MARCH 1969.

IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED INDUSTRY CAPABILITIES IN THIS
AREA AND THE DIFFICULTY OF DEFINING THE TASK IN SUFFICIENT
DETAIL TO OBTAIN VALID COMPETITION ON COSTS, PLUS THE
NEED TO MEET THE SCHEDULE YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS IF VALID AND NECESSARY OR TO
PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF ORAL SOLICITATIONS AS PROVIDED
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