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Dear John:

As some details of the ExCom decision on the Readout/VHR issue were left to be resolved, I thought I would give you my understanding of our discussion inasmuch as I believe it offers a basis for a responsible course in the coming months.

The elements of the discussion were:

1. Assign [] for Readout/VHR in FY71.
2. Apportion FY71 funds so as to phase into the FY73 and FY74 funding levels of Option 4, this to yield a mid-FY75 IOC [] primary optics and 18" GSD).
3. Review the Readout/VHR decision at ExCom in November 1970 and again in October 1971.

As you expressed the belief in your Director's Report that you might expend about [] on tape storage technology, there could be, as I observed at last Friday's ExCom meeting, sufficient funds within the [] to permit carrying out item 2, above.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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