

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

August 6, 1973

NOTE TO LT COLONEL [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: West Coast Trip

If time permits on Dr. McLucas' West Coast trip, there are two candidate stops for Space Systems business. First in priority would be at the STC to Sunnyvale, for a presentation of letters to General Bradburn for his space support efforts, with a select few of his people in attendance. Second would be the [REDACTED] to present the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award. Both of these had been planned for earlier this year, but were canceled.

I have asked General Bradburn's Deputy, Colonel [REDACTED] to give me ideas on an appropriate low-level ceremony at the STC (it will be classified). Depending upon subjects which Dr. McLucas and General Bradburn might wish to discuss privately, I would envision a ground time of perhaps 1½ to 2 hours. If we could work the presentation at [REDACTED] into the itinerary, I would expect [REDACTED] to take a considerably shorter time.

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THE NRO STAFF

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NOTE FOR GENERAL KULPA

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I have talked to [redacted] briefly about the West Coast trip. I did not talk to Colonel [redacted] because I prefer to work the details through Colonels [redacted] and [redacted].

Dr. McLucas' calendar is blocked out for Wednesday, September 5 through Thursday the 6th. This would permit an early morning flight to Seattle where Dr. McLucas speaks to the Rotary Club at luncheon on the 5th. His only other firm commitment is a luncheon talk to the Channel City Club in Santa Barbara, California on the 6th. I understand that Dr. McLucas would still like to take an SR-71 flight. Based upon the planning for the June trip which was canceled, the ground orientation requires about 3½ hours with about the same amount of time devoted to the flight. Thus, if we fit the SR-71 into the two day schedule, I would expect Dr. McLucas to go to Beale AFB directly from Seattle and receive his ground orientation on the afternoon of the 5th. I would then expect the SR-71 flight to take place the morning of the 6th prior to departing for Santa Barbara. That really leaves only the afternoon of September 6 for our business.

Two items come to mind first. One is recognition for General Bradburn and his people for their support to the [redacted] mission. The other is the presentation of the Air Force Experience Award to the [redacted]. I believe that the first item is more important at this time. It is more of a personal recognition of General Bradburn's efforts by Dr. McLucas. On the other hand the AFOEA is less personal and, since we have already waited so long, might well serve as a good introduction for a new DNRO to the [redacted].

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