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SUBJECT: (3) Transfer of the LINDSEER Development Program to the Department of the Air Force

REFERENCE: Secretary of Defense Memorandum, subject: Organization of Satellite and Space Vehicle Operations, dated 13 September 1979

In response to the above memorandum, the Department of the Air Force requests the immediate transfer of the LINDSEER program to the Air Force. While it is recognized that the referenced memorandum does not specifically identify the LINDSEER program, the assignment of responsibility for this program to the DF appears to be a logical and logical extension of the SMOG, NIDS, booster and systems integration assignments which have been approved.

The LINDSEER development program is designed to study the problems related to the achievement of stabilized orbits, attitude stabilization, operational system techniques, recovery of biomedical payloads and the execution of maneuverable advanced engineering tests. Development will continue at the approved fund level for FY '60 and in accordance with the approved development plan dated 30 January 1979 as modified by existing AEA Orders. Upon transfer of program responsibility, funds, and documentation, the DF will make a detailed survey of the status of the LINDSEER program and submit a revised development plan that incorporates existing AEA Orders, a current development plan, and any necessary changes that become apparent as a result of the detailed survey.

The current schedule for the LINDSEER program is as follows:

1979										1980								
J	F	A	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	U	D	J	F	A	M	J	J	A
1	1		1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	

The total LINDSEER test flight program now consists of 25 exhibitions of T-1 and T-2 vehicles. Because of difficulties in the LINDSEER T-1 and T-2 flights, two months have elapsed since the last launch. During

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