


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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: MOL "Posture" Paper

The attached memorandum and questions, covering the 9 July 1965 meeting of the Space Council were not made available to me until today. In a meeting with Mr. Friedman, it was agreed that Colonel Sanders and I would prepare answers to these questions, inserting the answers into the policy paper, as appropriate.


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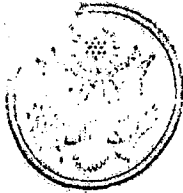
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QUESTIONS RE MOL

1. Will the military label and the security classification as to some of MOL's activities adversely affect our international image, which has been generally so good in regard to MERCURY, GEMINI, and APOLLO? What educational programs should be carried out to maintain this good image?
2. Who will have the responsibility for attempting to have all ground stations on foreign soil support the MOL project?
3. What will be the policy and the practice as to public release of data from MOL experiments?
4. Will MOL launchings be opened to the public like MERCURY, GEMINI, and APOLLO launches?
5. What can be said about the relationship between the MOL project and any NASA plans for manned space flight after the lunar trips?
6. If asked (and I am sure we will be), what would be the answer as to why we do not use the SATURN/APOLLO system for the MOL project?
7. To what extent will the large investment in NASA facilities be used to monitor, communicate with, and control MOL's?
8. Will the same tracking facilities be used for MOL as are planned for APOLLO? If not, why not, and also will the two systems be compatible for emergency uses?
9. What are the total cost estimated for MOL, including astronaut training, new facilities if any, etc.? What portion of the cost of TITAN IIC is included in these estimates?
10. When would you expect the first manned MOL flight? Could this schedule be speeded up?
11. What mechanism will be used to prevent launch scheduling conflicts between APOLLO and MOL?

12. Will launches of MOL be from Cape Kennedy or Vandenberg? If the latter, what uses will the TITAN pads be put to at the Cape? What are the primary military launching projects for the Cape, as we look ahead?


13. Ground landings of MOL spacecraft would seem to have security advantages and also economy advantages, compared with ocean landings. Has this been considered?

14. Can the astronaut training for MOL be combined with that for APOLLO?

15. Will the success of the initial MOL flight become the basis for a decision as to whether the project will go operational or just developmental?

16. Is any space rescue capability included in the MOL planning? If not, what should be the response to the question as to why not?

17. If GEMINI is used, will NASA or the Air Force procure the spacecraft from the contractor? Will the modification in GEMINI be substantial if it is used?



19. Will public information arrangements for the personal stories of MOL astronauts permit the type of private contractual arrangements which have been entered into by NASA astronauts?

20. To what extent will NASA participate with experiments for MOL?

21. What suggestions do you have about any statements which might be made about the developments from this meeting?