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SUBJECT: Outer Space Meetings -- MOL or Gemini Issues

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Size of MOL immaterial. Natural that as scientific progress in space proceeds, size space lab also increases. Could not require two men work one month in Gemini size craft. In terms size, MOL anticipated to be 40 ft long by 10 feet diameter. (MOL does not possess capability to be weapon carrier.) (MOL will not incorporate weapon carrying or delivery capability.) Design such that Gemini capsule will effect re-entry astronauts. MOL would burn up on re-entry. Furthermore, we <sup>there is no</sup> need develop orbital bombardment capability, since would offer no military advantage over operational ICBM's.

Re Res 1984, President Johnson when announcing MOL reaffirmed US intention not RPT not place weapons mass destruction in orbit.

2. Gemini. Should SOVs rap Gemini program as having military or non-peaceful aims, DEL should quickly brush aside as preposterous. Point to 1) world-wide publicity accompanying progress and achievements of program, 2) invitation of President Johnson to SOVs have rep next launch, and 3) [US glad open all space launchings for inspection on reciprocal basis.]

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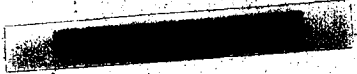
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MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Col Worthman *pick up  
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Gen Swans*

Paul, would you  
please call me as this  
as soon as you have  
read it. I want to  
clear it today, if possible.  
I have atleast one problem  
with it in its present form.  
I would like you to check it  
with Gen Swans office also  
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Policy: 18 Points  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: USUN Msg 533**

On 2 December, Colonel Marshall Sanders called concerning subject message. I extracted a copy from the file and phoned Sanders. His problem:

1. Scott George of State was ready to relay the contents of this message throughout State but had some reservation about the language in the second paragraph--starting on page 1:

--He felt that we would get into discussion on definition of "weaponry."

--By committing ourselves now, we deny U.S. flexibility in case we should want to alter position two or three years hence.

I advised Sanders:

--The language looked good to me, albeit a bit repetitive of the first paragraph.

--We would not object to deletion.

Sanders said he would advise George to delete the entire second paragraph.

**RICHARD S. QUIGGINS**  
Lt. Colonel, USAF

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SUBJECT: State Department Guidance to U. S. Delegation

The attached draft cable was sent to me by Colonel Marshall Sanders. Note the bracketed item on the second page. Colonel Sanders insisted State delete this element from the message.

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*P. E. Worthman*  
PAUL E. WORTHMAN  
Colonel, USAF

NOTE: A copy of this was sent  
to Colonel Norman, SAFSL  
20 Sep 65

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