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29 October 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL WORTHMAN

SUBJECT: P/A Guidance on MOL

Reference the attached proposed wire which we have been holding in suspense pending a Sylvester signature.

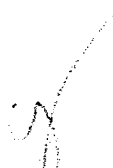
Called Colonel Mahoney at 0930 to check its status.

Colonel Mahoney advised that the wire, per se, is dead and that it will be replaced by a memorandum directed to the two departments concerned, to the Director, DR&E with info to a Sylvester level individual in USIA, State and NASA.

The memorandum has been through the loop in draft and essentially blessed for final. Very roughly it contains the following key items:

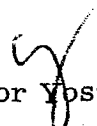
1. At this point in time no public information on the MOL program will be volunteered.
2. Certain releases will be promulgated at particular program milestones as they occur.
3. National level press queries will be referred to ASD(PA) for action.
4. Local queries may be answered with information officially released to date. Such material is chiefly confined to the aggregate of material provided through official channels subsequent to the President's announcement. As of this date, official releases include the DOD release dated 25 August 1960 and the Pentagon backgrounder on the same date.
5. Speeches and interviews on MOL will not be volunteered.
6. Speeches and interviews will be cleared with ASD(PA) prior to release.
7. An amplified information plan on the MOL program is in coordination.

Looks as though we really scored on this one. The guidance is very restrictive -- and very much in line with our suggestions. Colonel Mahoney will be in touch with us just as soon as this one is ready to go.



Major Yost

Note: Colonel Mahoney called at 0955 to ask that I hold on to the copy of the "dead" wire since Mr. Sylvester had just signed it. Colonel Mahoney has taken it from the message center until the confusion is resolved. He will let us know if the memorandum or both the wire and memorandum are dispatched.



Major Yost