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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND  
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20331



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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: SCG

SUBJECT: Conduct of the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program (U)

TO: AFSC Divisions, Centers, and Ranges

(Commanders)

1. Due to the nature, scope, and principal objectives of the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program as announced by the President on 25 August 1965, and in view of the intense public scrutiny to which man in space, his well being, and safety will be subjected, it has been determined that special management arrangements for the conduct of the MOL Program have been placed in effect. These arrangements were announced by Secretary of the Air Force Order 117.4, dated 25 August 1965 (attached).
2. It is important that all elements of the Air Force Systems Command clearly understand and wholly support the MOL Program as it is now constituted. We must demonstrate that the Air Force, and the Air Force Systems Command, do in fact possess the professional competence which will lead to the conduct of a successful and fruitful MOL Program. Special care must be shown with respect to any undertakings involving agencies outside of the Department of the Air Force, and in particular agencies of Government outside the Department of Defense. The Secretary of the Air Force has directed that I, as the Director of the Manned Orbiting Laboratory, shall provide the primary point of contact with such agencies for MOL matters to insure consistency, and to minimize misunderstanding.
3. As a consequence, I would appreciate your personal attention in insuring that elements of your command involved in any activity which relates in any way to the MOL Program do not undertake contact with other Government agencies without my prior approval. I am particularly concerned with activities associated with deriving requirements for experiments to be flown on the MOL.

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4. I do not consider that the content of this letter is suitable for general distribution; hence, I would prefer that the policy contained herein be carried out based on need-to-know.

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1. SAF Order No. 117.4
2. Resp. & functions of  
Director, MOL

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