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EYES ONLY FOR LT COLONEL FORD AND MR. NEWLUN FROM MR. MAZZA AND COLONEL WORTHMAN.

CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN COLONELS BERG AND WORTHMAN ON 11 MAR, THE SECURITY RESTRICTIONS ON DORIAN ARE VERY SEVERE AND RIGIDLY APPLIED. FOR EXAMPLE, ~~(S)~~ DNRO HAS ALLOTTED TWO SPACES TO HQ AFSC, AND IS PERSONALLY CONTROLLING EACH BILLET IN THE ENTIRE PROGRAM. YOUR PERSONNEL CITED IN PARA 2, REF B, SEEM APPROPRIATE, EXCEPT FOR LT COL BYRON F. KNOLLE AND CAPT HARVEY COHEN. REQUEST YOU CANCEL BRIEFING THESE PEOPLE PENDING YOUR DESCRIPTION OF THEIR MUST-KNOW AND, PARTICULARLY, THEIR MUST-KNOW-TODAY.

REF PARA 3, BRIEF NO AEROSPACE CORP PERSONNEL. REF PARA 4, BRIEF GEN FUNK ONLY. REF PARA 5, ~~(S)~~ DNRO IS NOW MAKING A DECISION REGARDING GEN BLEYMAIER. CANCEL OTHER NAMES IN THIS PARAGRAPH.

FOR YOUR OVERALL GUIDANCE, WE EXPECT VERY FEW DORIAN NOMINATIONS OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL NOMINATION APPEARS MANDATORY, KINDLY SEND IT TO US FOR PERSONAL APPRAISAL BY THE ~~(S)~~ DNRO.

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EYES ONLY FOR GENERALS FUNK AND GREER FROM GENERAL SCHRIEVER
THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS. PART I. THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS A LETTER
WHICH WILL BE APPROPRIATELY COURIERED TO THE ADDRESSEES ON THE NEXT
RUN. BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE DELAY IN THE COURIER SYSTEM, AND BECAUSE OF
THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER IN GENERAL
FUNK'S HANDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THIS COMMUNICATION METHOD IS BEING
USED. PART II. LETTER READS AS FOLLOWS:

"SCG

MAR 10, 1964
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MOL PROGRAM

MAJOR GENERAL BEN I. FUNK
COMMANDER
SPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION
AIR FORCE UNIT POST OFFICE
LOS ANGELES 45, CALIFORNIA

1. REFERENCE OUR SECRET TWX MSF 9-3-13 DATE 9 MARCH 1964 TO YOU ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENT AND GUIDELINES FOR A PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE MOL PROGRAM. THIS LETTER SUPPLEMENTS THE REFERENCED TWX AND DEFINES CERTAIN ADDITIONAL ACTIONS WHICH ARE REQUIRED.
2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT IF THE MOL EXPERIMENTS DEMONSTRATE SATISFACTORILY THAT MAN IS ABLE, WITH APPROPRIATE AIDS, TO POINT AN INSTRUMENT WITH ACCURACY BETTER THAN 1/2 MILE, AND TO CORRECT IMAGE MOTION TO BETTER THAN 0.2 PERCENT, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO COMPARE CAREFULLY THE POTENTIAL COST AND PERFORMANCE OF MANNED AND UNMANNED VERY HIGH RESOLUTION SYSTEMS. THIS WILL BE DONE WITHIN THE ~~(S)~~ NRO, AND STUDIES ARE NOW UNDERWAY TO THIS END. THESE STUDIES WILL CONTINUE AND WILL BE KEPT CURRENT WITH THE MOL PROGRAM. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO INSURE THAT AT SUCH TIME AS THE EVIDENCE FROM MOL EXPERIMENTS WARRANTS THE DECISION, THE BASIS FOR TIMELY DEVELOPMENT OF A MANNED RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEM WILL BE AT HAND.

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3. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PLANNING TO SUPPORT THIS OBJECTIVE BE INITIATED WITHOUT DELAY. FURTHERMORE, THE RESULTS OF THE INITIAL PLANNING SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DIRECTOR, ~~(S)~~ NRO AND THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE PROLIMINARY TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THIS WILL ASSURE THAT ALL AVAILABLE FACTS TO SUPPORT A DECISION TO PROCEED WITH PHASE I OF THE MOL PROGRAM ARE AT HAND.

4. THEREFORE, A SEPARATE APPROPRIATELY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENT WHICH SUPPLEMENTS THE PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN MUST BE PREPARED. THIS DOCUMENT SHOULD DEFINE THE STUDIES UNDERWAY AND PLANNED AND THE RESULTS TO DATE. IT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE INITIAL PLANNING FOR SPECIFIC EXPERIMENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, IT HAS BEEN INDICATED THAT PHOTOGRAPHY OF QUALITY APPROACHING THAT NEEDED FOR RECONAISSANCE MAY BE UNDERTAKEN ON SOME ORBITAL FLIGHTS. THE CAMERA NOW HELD UNDER SPECIAL SECURITY WHICH MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE IS AN EXISTING EXPERIMENTAL F/16 CAMERA OF [REDACTED] FOCAL LENGTH. IN ADDITION, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO TESTING A SIDE LOOKING RADAR NOW BEING DEVELOPED UNDER SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION ON ORBITAL FLIGHTS LATE IN THE PROGRAM. FINALLY, A PROPOSED INTERFACE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR NECESSARY INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE SSD MOL PROGRAM OFFICE AND THE ~~(S)~~ NRO SHOULD BE DEFINED. REQUEST YOU WORK DIRECTLY WITH GENERAL GREER OR HIS DESIGNEE IN PREPARING THIS DOCUMENT.

5. THE FACT THAT THE MOL PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE A BONA FIDE RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY AND THAT STUDIES AND ACTIONS TO THIS END ARE UNDERWAY OR CONTEMPLATED IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE. ACCORDINGLY, ALL SUCH ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A CODE WORD CATEGORY WITHIN THE BYEMAN SYSTEM AND WILL BE HANDLED EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN ~~(S)~~ NRO CHANNELS. PARTICULAR CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT THE PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONTAINS NO REFERENCE OF ANY KIND TO SUCH ACTIONS, PLANS, OR ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS.

/S/ R. K. JACOBSON, COL, USAF
FOR B. A. SCHRIEVER
GENERAL, USAF
COMMANDER

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