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This has been checked out with EUR/SES
and SOV.

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Mr. James Fitzsimmons, Program Manager for the American
Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (offices here
in Washington, although he is operating out of his home
where he also does business as an aerospace consultant)
called to request appointment w/Mr. Pollack on Tuesday,
11/16. The AIAA holds monthly meetings at the Press Club
complete with guest speakers. December's meeting to be
addressed by the President of Douglas Aircraft.

For the January 6, 1966 meeting they propose to have as
their speaker the air attache of the Russian Embassy here
in Washington, who has agreed to show movie of and speak
about the cosmonauts.

As I understood Fitzsimmons, Dr. Welch of the National
Security Council and Congressman Miller have strongly
urged him to come into this office and apprise you of
their plans and coordinate through this office, before
the AIAA issues firm invitation to the Russian attache.

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*EUR/SES - hate to see this develop into
anything that would lead to
attache becoming a member, as
his predecessor was.
Several members of Sov.
Air Att. staff are members
of AIAA. Although Sov. attache
is No. 1 in press
but*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: G/PM - Mr. Garthoff

FROM: SCI - T. H. E. Nesbitt

SUBJECT: Dec. 2 Meeting of the American Institute
of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
at which Mr. Donald W. Douglas, Jr.,
President of Douglas Aircraft, Inc.
will Speak on the MOL Project

On November 15 Mr. James Fitzsimmons, Program Manager for the local chapter of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) called Mr. Pollack, at the suggestion of Dr. Edward Welsh, Executive Secretary of the National Aeronautics and Space Council, to inquire as to whether it would be appropriate to accept the invitation of the Soviet Air Attache attached to the Embassy of the USSR in Washington to show a movie at the January 6 meeting and speak about the cosmonauts. After checking with EUR and SOV I informed Mr. Fitzsimmons that the Department had no objection, in fact we would like to see the film. During the course of the conversation with Mr. Fitzsimmons it was learned that although the Senior Soviet Air Attache is not a member of the AIAA several members of his staff are. Presumably they attend all meetings of the AIAA which probably gives them an opportunity to hear and overhear conversations which may be of intelligence value. (Enclosure A)

Yesterday Mr. Fitzsimmons stopped by to make a courtesy call and although I was not present when he called he left a carbon copy of a letter that he had written to Col. Vladimir Afanasiev, Air Attache of the Embassy of the USSR for my information. Of particular interest in Mr. Fitzsimmons's letter to the Air Attache is that information

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contained in the first paragraph which states that Donald Douglas will address the December 2 meeting of the AIAA, at which Soviet Embassy representatives undoubtedly will be present, on the Manned Orbiting Laboratory Project. (Enclosure B)

The foregoing was brought to Ambassador Thompson's attention yesterday after discussing another subject in which he had a personal interest. He suggested that the matter be brought to Mr. Garthoff's attention and that G/PM, which had connections with the military and industry, might wish to consult with Mr. Douglas on the matter of his remarks.

It has occurred to me that we might take this opportunity to suggest some input to the Douglas remarks to the effect that our MOL project is very similar to that which the Soviets contemplate and which was announced most recently, simultaneously in Athens by Soviet Cosmonaut Alexi Leonov, Enclosure C, and in Japan on the 16th of September. Furthermore we should encourage Mr. Douglas to state that our MOL is not a carrier of orbiting weapons of mass destruction similar to that exposed to public view by the Soviets on November 7 in Moscow.

I believe this is an excellent time to blunt the Soviet propaganda thrust on our MOL by trading off the U. S. MOL for the Russian MOL and thus isolating their vehicle paraded in Moscow on November 7.

cc: G/PM - Mr. George
P - Mr. Dillon
S/P - Mr. Gathright
INR - Mr. Halsted
ACDA - Mr. Risley
SCV - Mr. Toon

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17 November 1965

Col. Vladimir S. Afanasiev
Air Attache
Embassy of the U. S. S. R.
2502 Belmont Road, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Colonel Afanasiev:

This is to confirm our discussions with you and Captain V. M. Krivtsov in reference to the possibility of you being our speaker for the December 2, 1965, meeting, pending the possibility of your receiving a special film which you had requested. Please be advised that we have obtained Mr. Donald W. Douglas, Jr., President of Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., as our speaker for this meeting. The topic of his address will be on the "Manned Orbital Laboratory Project".

On behalf of the officers and members of the National Capital Section of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, it is a privilege to extend to you a firm invitation to be the luncheon speaker for our following meeting on January 6, 1966, at the National Press Club. We believe that your address will be timely and worthwhile, and we are confident that there will be a large technical audience present to hear you. Perhaps by this time you will have received the technical movie which you had requested. Many of our members who attended the recent International Astronautics Symposium held in Athens, Greece, commented on the wonderful movie that was shown by your Russian scientists of the "Cosmonauts in Space". I understand this was a splendid movie, and I know our members would appreciate seeing it, too. We hope you will be able to show it for our January 6 meeting.

During the past we have featured outstanding speakers, speaking on a variety of aerospace topics. Please be assured that members of AIAA and the American scientific community in general have great admiration and respect for the scientific progress in space astronautics made by our fellow Russian scientists. Therefore, as our featured speaker for our January 6, 1966, meeting, your reception will be more than cordial and appreciated. We hope it is possible for you to accept this invitation.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AFFAIRS

29.13.7
October 18, 1965

TO: Interested Departmental Officers
FROM: SCI - T.H.E. Nesbitt
SUBJECT: Soviet MOL.

The following is a translation of an excerpt from the Russian text of a speech of Soviet Cosmonaut A.A. Leonov at the XVI International Astronautical Federation Congress at Athens in September 1965 in which he refers to plans for a Soviet manned orbiting laboratory:

"It seems to me that the time is not too distant when in orbits of earth satellites there will appear multi-placed cosmic scientific-research laboratories, the crews of which will periodically be changed, after them will follow cosmic luniks, the landing of man on the Moon and on other planets of the solar system.

"The possibilities of contemporary space technology are truly unlimited. The main thing is that these possibilities be fulfilled in peaceful aims for the glory of all mankind and not for its harm."

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October 18, 1965