



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

April 12, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL EVANS, SAFSL

SUBJECT: MOL History

Dr. Brown has approved your proposal for the preparation of
a documented history of the MOL Program.

Alexander H. Flax

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Assistant Secretary for
Research and Development

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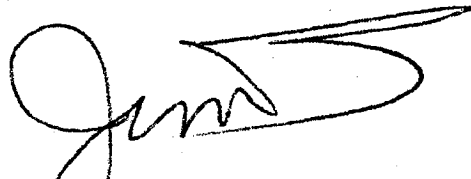
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DR. FLAX:

The SAFSL history will indeed be written in a manner paralleling the NRO history. One selected top-flight historian will be cleared DORIAN and all of his work will be the property of SAFSL.

Based on these ground rules, I think a MOL history is an excellent idea and suggest you approve it.



JAMES T. STEWART
Brigadier General, USAF

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Dr Brown has approved your proposal etc etc

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: MOL History

Your approval is requested for the preparation of a documented history of the MOL Program.

A detailed history and chronology of actions related to MOL could provide an invaluable source for statements and other materials for DOD, Congress and other agencies. A comprehensive identification of documents on MOL, both internal and external to the MOL Program Office, would serve as a helpful checklist for management purposes. A narrative account of the approach and rationale associated with MOL planning, approval and implementation would certainly be of benefit as we chart our future course.

To be of value, a MOL history should be in considerable detail, but must be conveniently organized. It should present clearly and factually the picture of Air Force planning, policies, proposals, and funding. Both the documented narrative history and the chronology should go back to the early beginnings of MOL and carry the story forward to the present time. The coverage would of necessity continue as the program progresses.

This procedure has been used to advantage by the Office of Space Systems (SAF-SP). That office has found it appropriate to use the full measure of classified security information. We would expect to do the same.

With your approval, I propose that the USAF Historical Division Liaison Office (AFCHO) be assigned responsibility for preparing the MOL history. AFCHO, attached to Headquarters USAF, has in the past prepared a number of top-level historical narratives on various aspects of the Air Force space program.

Your approval of this project is requested; any suggestions or guidance you may have would be appreciated.



HARRY I. EVANS
Brigadier General, USAF
Vice Director, MOL Program

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April 6, 1966

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. FLAX, SAFRD

The attached memorandum from General Evans is forwarded for your action.

Dr. Brown stated that subject to your concurrence, he approves General Evans' proposal.

B. R. Daughtrey
B. R. DAUGHTREY
Colonel, USAF
Executive Assistant

Attachment

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is done by same means
Att. of
SAFSP*

Comments →

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MEMORANDUM

April 7, 1966

GENERAL STEWART:

Dr. Flax would like your comments on attached proposal. He would like to know also what our procedures are and how we have taken advantage of them as well as how the proposed MOL history procedures would parallel (or non-parallel) SAF-SP's.



William C. Shiel
Lt Colonel, USAF
Deputy Executive