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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY


MEMORANDUM

18 May 1967

Colonel Worthman:

General Stewart had this one delivered personally to General Berg. Stevie passed it to me after General Berg noted with a comment in the margin. I distributed to the RF and SS-7, and returned General Berg's copy to Stevie.

I'm sure General Berg reminded General Stewart that advanced planning for achieving [redacted] was a responsibility of SAFSP, not of the MOL System Office.


Lt Col Yost

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MOL PROGRAM

SUBJECT: Advanced Planning

On April 11, 1967 representatives from the Systems Office and Aerospace briefed me on three subjects. The briefings covered (1) advanced planning activities associated with achieving a [redacted] resolution capability, (2) the feasibility and program impact related to planetary observations by MOL, and (3) the factors involved in [redacted] with MOL. Your position and recommendations on these subjects, as contained in your two memoranda of April 10, 1967 and your more recent memorandum of May 3, 1967, have been noted and integrated into our considerations on these topics.

I support in principle your plan for studies and technology investigations leading to improved resolution of [redacted] projecting a modest level of activity and funding in FY 69 similar to that which you recommend. The in-house effort in FY 68 is certainly necessary before moving to the funded activity in FY 69. I expect that, following further discussions, more specific guidance can be provided to you by the first of July.

With respect to the accomplishment of planetary observation on MOL flights, you should take those steps necessary to incorporate into the vehicle and mission planning that capability identified in the briefing as recommendation number one; i.e., photography of Mercury, Venus and Mars without equipment modification. Planning of any further capability, made possible by means of a camera-back modification, must await an analysis of cost and technical implications resulting from such a modification. I expect a further memo from you once this analysis is completed.

[redacted] I concur in the position you set forth in your May 3, 1967 memorandum, and ask that you initiate the necessary studies.

SIGNED

MaJ Campbell/SAF-SLM/55674/1May67/ams

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