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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Dr. Flax's memorandum on Manned Orbiting Laboratory Program Management, dated 23 June 1967, revises the management structure of the MOL Program by bringing the covert portions of the program under the Director MOL. As directed in paragraph 5, "Management Responsibilities, Relations, and Procedures," of Dr. Flax's memorandum, the plan agreed to herein has been developed to maintain absolute security in the covert program. Actions to be taken during this restructuring of the MOL Program are designed to protect the fact that SAFSP has been associated with MOL and that the primary mission of the system is overhead reconnaissance.

At present there are 20 people assigned to the 23 authorized manpower spaces allocated to the DORIAN Program Office, [REDACTED]. This office has been co-located with the MOL SPO but with no apparent association between the two. The majority of these [REDACTED] people are well known in the Air Force and industry as SAFSP personnel. If [REDACTED] were to be transferred en masse on 1 July to the MOL SPO, there would almost certainly be a compromise to the security of the DORIAN Program. To preclude such a compromise, the transfer of people and manpower spaces will be accomplished in small increments during the coming fiscal year. A list of projected effective dates for personnel transfers is attached for planning purposes. Alterations to this list can be made on a mutually acceptable basis.

First, those personnel actions which can be accomplished without drawing attention to changes within SAFSP or the MOL SPO will be accomplished on 1 July 1967. At present, only Lt Colonel Roy is not known to be associated with the DORIAN Program and he will be transferred immediately. In addition, two vacant manpower spaces assigned to SAFSP will be released to MOL on 1 July. These spaces include a Lt Colonel and a Captain.

The second step to be taken in transitioning the DORIAN Program from SAFSP to MOL will involve the periodic transfer of 18 well known SAFSP people to MOL during FY 1968. This transfer, which will be carried out in groups of three or four people each quarter, will be designed to draw little or no attention to the personnel changes within SAFSP. During the year of transition, it will appear that the personnel involved and their manpower spaces are remaining within SAFSP until each individual is openly assigned to MOL. To the outside world, there will be no program changes evident. In reality, these 18 people will be detailed full time to the MOL SPO beginning 1 July 1967; they will be responsible to the Deputy Program Director and their OERs and civilian ratings and indorsements will be prepared within the SPO, but to maintain the cover they will be signed in SAFSP. Travel performed in support of the DORIAN Program will be under TDY orders prepared by SAFSP at the request of the Deputy Director MOL until such time that an [REDACTED] traveler is overtly reassigned to MOL. SAFSP travel funds will be cited in the TDY orders from resources provided from the NRO.

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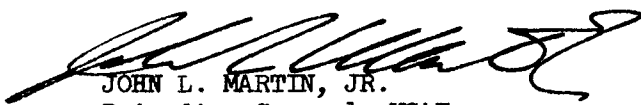
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The SAFSP personnel included in this year long transition and their respective public transfer dates are listed in Attachment 1. Colonel Coleman who is chief of DORIAN procurement, [REDACTED] and Colonel Knolle who is chief of the DORIAN Program Office, [REDACTED] will remain in SAFSP until the summer of 1968. These two officers are scheduled for reassignment at that time in accordance with the currently approved control list. The retention of these two officers in SAFSP until the completion of their tours is based on the security consideration that they are the heads of their respective offices and their transfers would pose a greater security risk. When they are reported for their normal rotations, manpower spaces will be transferred to MOL for recruitment action by the MOL SPO. Both Colonel Coleman and Colonel Knolle will be directly responsible to the Deputy Director MOL from 1 July 1967. Their OER's and indorsements will be prepared in the MOL SPO. However, they will appear to be an SAFSP resource until transferred from the Los Angeles Air Force Station. Their OER's will be signed in SAFSP to maintain the cover.

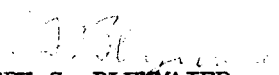
The steps outlined in this memorandum are designed to execute the MOL/DORIAN Program realignment with minimum disruption to the program. At the same time, the security cover for the covert portions of the program will be maintained. Changes will be made discreetly in order to call as little attention as possible to either SAFSP or the MOL Program. DORIAN Program personnel will continue to manage the covert program; however, they will come under the direction of the Deputy Director MOL and their activities will be quietly integrated into the main MOL management structure. Personnel losses within SAFSP will be fragmentary and, until physically transferred to MOL, DORIAN personnel will retain their SAFSP identity.

When this memorandum is approved it will be directive upon all [REDACTED] and MOL personnel.

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Projected Effective Dates for Personnel Transfers:

1 July 1967:

Lt Col	Roy, Robert W.	FR22332	
Lt Col	2916 VACANT		WB73 2306 0468
Capt	2895B VACANT		WB73 2306 2321

1 October 1967:

Lt Col	Benschine, Edward, Jr.	FR36932	
Maj	Eskridge, Richard	FR45144	
Maj	Racht, Gerald E.	FR31068	
Capt	Baty, Richard S.	FR72594	
Capt	Dumond, David L.	FR78360	
GS-13	Lampert, Harry L.		
GS-5	Yee, Esther		

1 January 1968:

Lt Col	Marker, Herbert J.	FV702309	
Lt Col	Wallace, John T.	FR18567	
Capt	MacNab, Forrest W.	FR67285	
Capt	Morris, Jon P.	FR78044	
GS-5	Klein, Loretta		
GS-4	Simpson, Mary		

1 April 1968:

Lt Col	Stange, LaVerne G.	FR20362	
Maj	Burke, Robert F.	FR51157	
Maj	Trainer, Jerry D.	FR57508	
GS-5	Gilchrist, Laura		
GS-4	Kachevas, Pam		

(Note: Manpower authorizations will be identified at time of transfer of each incumbent.)

Attachment 1

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