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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
**SUBJECT:** Ground Rules for the New Search System Competition

1. Herein are mentioned the key issues which must be faced in order that we have a reasonable context for the three month period suggested by the Land Panel:

a) Both the Agency and the Air Force must be prohibited from procuring system hardware, facilities and architect and engineering services - in other words, from using this three month period to buy a schedule advantage.

b) The funding available to both the Agency and the Air Force should be comparable and sufficient.

c) Both parties should be formally notified that a development decision has not been made, and that instructions to the contractors should be given accordingly.

d) Common ground rules should be adopted as to the booster choices available, as well as in the recovery techniques and limitations which can be assumed.

e) If the Land Panel has issued, or can be expected to issue, guidance on source selection criteria, an attempt should be made to insure that that this information is available promptly to both parties.

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2. We suggest that these ground rules should be the subject of discussion with senior levels of the DOD (presumably Secretary Vancy) with a small joint group established to furnish detailed guidance on the launch vehicle and recovery techniques/liminations questions.

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