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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL WHEELER

SUBJECT: Meeting with Mr. Gehrig

On Friday, 7 March, we visited Mr. Jim Gehrig, Staff Member of the Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee. Mr. Gehrig had made an informal request to SAFLL to have four new members of the Committee briefed on our programs. In meeting with Mr. Gehrig, I took the position that although we had no objection to briefing the four new members, the protocol should be that the Chairman, Senator Moss, should make the request. Mr. Gehrig agreed and asked for our assistance in providing a draft to him of a letter Senator Moss could send to us. I agreed that we would provide some appropriate wording.

Mr. Gehrig's request probably is his initiative as opposed to Senator Moss's desire. Mr. Gehrig for some time has been attempting, on a low key basis, to provide more exposure to our programs. I believe that he thinks that NASA's programs would be advantaged if they were able to be compared more openly with our programs. My concern is that Senator Moss may not understand the significance of the request in terms of the traditional prerogatives assumed by the Chairmen of the various committees. The Senate space committee is somewhat different in that it does not directly, as a committee, impact our budget and programs, however, several of the members such as Senator Stennis and Senator Symington do impact our programs by their other committee assignments. I believe we should think seriously of suggesting that Dr. McLucas call Senator Moss directly to inquire of Senator Moss's desire for clearing additional members of his committee. I believe that

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