February 23, 1967

Dr. Flax,

Attached is a copy of Dr. Seamans' response to Dr. Hornig's letter of February 9 regarding procedures for handling LM&SS photography and public information related thereto.

We have included, for your reference:

At Tab A, a copy of Dr. Hornig's letter to Dr. Seamans (BYE 57330-67)

At Tab B, a copy of Dr. Hornig's letter to you (BYE 57329-67) and a copy of your response (BYE 52127-67).

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Lt Colonel, USAF

for Tabs A+B see Fols 15 memo following
Dr. Donald F. Hornig  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Science and Technology  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Don:

Your letter of 9 February 1967 arrived in time for us to discuss it at the Manned Space Flight Policy Committee meeting on that date.

We in NASA share your concern and are aware of the agreement that photographs of the earth taken by the GAMBIT camera must remain in the TALENT-KEYHOLE system.

Since there have been a number of engineering and systems changes to the film carriers, film recovery containers, and camera controls, we feel it necessary to conduct an earth orbit check-out of the UPWARD adaptation of the GAMBIT camera.

It was decided at the MSFPC meeting that the Space Applications Coordinating Committee (SACC) would undertake immediately to devise detailed procedures for the procedural handling of information related to and products resulting from the Earth orbital test flights of the LMSSS (UPWARD). The SACC will report its findings and recommendations to the MSFPC at the earliest possible date.

Please be assured that this task is receiving our careful attention, and that we shall keep you informed.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Robert C. Seamans, Jr.  
Deputy Administrator

cc: Honorable Alexander H. Flax  
Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (R&D)