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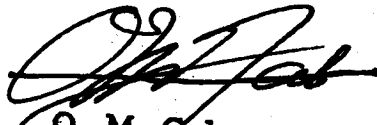
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February 27, 1959

MEMO FOR Mr. Albert P. Toner
The White House

The attached items are submitted by the Department of Defense for possible inclusion in the daily summary for the President.

These items have also been sent to Dr. Killian.


O. M. Gale
Special Assistant

Attachment

5 items (numbered as)
2 thru 6

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1959

SecDef Cont. No. S-317

General Goodpaster:

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We shall attempt to summarize this in an early issue. Meanwhile you may find the Defense original of interest. I attach a press item for comparison.

T. W. Stanley

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Attachments:

Orig. Def. Summary 2/27/59

Item #2 (S)

(SecDef Cont. No. S-317)

Press item fm Wash. Post & Times Herald - Feb. 24, 1959

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Press comparison

THE WHITE HOUS
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1959

General Goodpaster:

Re: DISCOVERER LAUNCHING

The attached item from Defense corrected item 4 in Staff Notes No. 505 and confirms our phoned message for the record. We will follow the launching today and report as appropriate.

TWS

T. W. Stanley

Attachment:

Item #3 of DOD Summary dtd 2/27/59.

(S)

G. J. [unclear]
8/3

(correcting item 4 of SN# 505)

(Carbon destroyed 8/12/59)

sent to JPL about 2/28/59

3. DISCOVERER I Launch Attempt. ~~(Secret)~~

More definitive information on the difficulty encountered on the 25 February 1959 DISCOVERER launch attempt has been received. Earlier determinations that the two stage vehicle would have to be returned to a horizontal position for repair proved to be premature. Repairs are being made with the vehicle remaining in the vertical position. The malfunction which caused termination of the launch attempt was a leak in the Thor booster LOX tank which prevented full pressurization.

The new launch attempt countdown will be picked up at 0800 PST at T-285, Saturday, 28 February 1959. Launch is therefore scheduled for 1245 PST.

(G. Peterson 8/3)

4. Important Missile Launchings. ~~(Secret)~~

Atlantic Missile Range

THOR ABLE II	Test No. 14	27 February, 2300 EST (rescheduled from 25 Feb.)
THOR	Test No. 13	5 March, 2000 EST

Phone to Alice

Pacific Missile Range

DISCOVERER		28 February, 1545 EST (rescheduled from 25 Feb.)
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(d. c. destroyed)
3/4/54.