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ATTN: AFCON. INFO: COL ABOLA. REFERENCE AFIDC 58951 DATED 2 APR.

THIS HEADQUARTERS IS CURRENTLY BEING FURNISH URGENTLY NEEDED INFORMATION ON JPL EXPLOSER SATELLITE WORK. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THIS INFO BEING DENIED BY DIRECTION OF GENERAL BENDIS BECAUSE OF HIS HAVING BEEN DENIED 117L INFORMATION. THE AYESD LUNAR PROBE PROJECT RECENTLY DIRECTED BY AFPA (AFPA ORDER #2-58 DATED 27 MAR 1958) HAS IMMEDIATE, URGENT IMMEDIATE, REQUIREMENT FOR ACCESS TO JPL EXPLOSER DESIGN INFORMATION AND FLIGHT TEST DATA. THIS INCLUDES (1) DESIGN OF AIRBORNE PAYLOAD EQUIPMENT; (2) DESIGN OF SPIN STABILIZATION SYSTEM FOR THIRD STAGE AND PAYLOAD; (3) FLIGHT DATA ON BOTH OF THESE. THIS HEADQUARTERS FEELS THAT THE SUCCESS OF OUR LUNAR PROBE FLIGHTS WILL BE GREATLY AND UNNECESSARILY JEOPARDIZED BY FAILURE TO UTILIZE JPL EXPERIENCE AND DATA. SINCE THE EXPLOSER WAS AN IGY DIRECTED EFFORT

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FOR DENIAL OF THIS REQUEST. REQUEST YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO
RESOLVE THIS MATTER.

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