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MEMORANDUM FOR: MEMBERS, MOL POLICY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: MOL Management

Transmitted herewith for your information is a copy of a Memorandum for the Chief of Staff, USAF which formally announces MOL management arrangements, and provides for necessary implementing action.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, USAF

As a result of the approval of the MOL program, it is important that we formally announce MOL management arrangements and undertake necessary implementing actions. To this end, I am forwarding several attachments which establish the Office of the Director, MOL as a staff element of the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, and appoint General B. A. Schriever as Director, MOL, as an additional duty; a description of the functions and responsibilities of the Director, MOL; an updated charter for the MOL Policy Committee; and a copy of a memorandum I am transmitting to General Schriever which describes in some detail the management arrangements which have been adopted for MOL.

I very much appreciate your efforts, and those of the staff in bringing our work of the past few months to a successful conclusion. Our work has but begun, and I would value your personal attention to insuring that our best judgment and experience are brought to bear in guiding the course of the MOL program in the months ahead.

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL B. A. SCHRIEVER

SUBJECT: Management of the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program

Due to the nature, scope, and principal objectives of the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program, and in view of the intense public scrutiny to which man in space, his well being, and his safety will be subjected, regardless of the amount of security cover provided, it has been determined that special management arrangements for the conduct of the MOL program will be placed in effect.

Program policy, review, and final Air Force approval will be exercised by the Secretary of the Air Force, supported by the Director, National Reconnaissance Office (DNRO) and by the MOL Policy Committee as currently constituted. The NRO Staff will provide staff support to the DNRO in those areas of the MOL program which interface with the National Reconnaissance Program.

Strong, centralized, integrated program direction will be exercised from a Washington area office. This office will be headed by a Director, MOL, who will report directly to the Secretary of the Air Force, and be supported by a full-time Vice Director and a small program staff located in the Washington area.

I have issued an order (TAB B) which designates you as Director, MOL, effective immediately.

An integrated program implementation office, designated the MOL Systems Office, will be established at the Air Force Space Systems Division, El Segundo, California. This office will be headed by a general officer,

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designated Deputy Director, MOL, as a full-time duty, who will report directly to the Director, MOL. This office will be staffed by highly qualified, experienced program management personnel and supported by the Aerospace Corporation in accomplishing general systems engineering and technical direction for the program.

The Director, SAFSP, located at SSD, will be responsible to the DNRO for development, acquisition and test of the sensor payload in response to technical specifications and requirements provided by the Deputy Director, MOL. He will be responsible for all "black" contracting, and will establish a MOL sensor payload office, co-located with the MOL Systems Office, to carry out his responsibilities. He will review and approve implementation of BYEMAN security procedures. In addition, SAFSP will maintain surveillance over the utilization of the critical Air Force, Aerospace and industrial resources of the NRP including the MOL.

Details of these management arrangements are discussed in TAB A.

It is requested that you place these arrangements into effect immediately.

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