SUBJECT: Public Affairs Guidance for the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program. The following extract from OASD/PA Memo, October 29, on above subject is provided for your information and compliance.

QUOTE. "At this time it is Department of Defense policy that public statements with regard to MOL will not be volunteered. Certain releases will be promulgated, as approved by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (PUBLIC AFFAIRS), as program milestones occur. National level press queries will be referred to ASD(PA) for
Response: Local responses to queries will be confined to the aggregate of material provided through official channels subsequent to the Presidential announcement August 25, 1965. As of this date such material consists chiefly of the Department of Defense release regarding the Presidential announcement and the Pentagon backgrounder by Dr. Albert C. Hall, then Deputy Director (Space), ODDR&E, both of August 25, 1965. Speeches and interviews on MOL will not be volunteered, and all requests for speeches or interviews must be cleared with ASD(PA) prior to acceptance." UNQUOTE. Salient points of the cited DOD release and background briefing were contained in AFCAV, AIMAJCOM 1699/65, August 31. This policy supercedes all other MOL information guidance. Questions or requests as outlined above should be forwarded through channels to SAF-OI.