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SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE ORDER

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

1. Effective September 1, 1966, the Commander, Air Force Systems Command, General James Ferguson, in addition to his other duties, is designated Director of the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, vice General B. A. Schriever, retired.
2. As Director of the MOL program, he will report directly to the Secretary of the Air Force and will manage and conduct all aspects of the approved MOL program in accordance with the guidance and policies established and approved by the Secretary of the Air Force. He is authorized direct communication with all Air Force units and other Government agencies. In addition, he will be specifically responsible for maintaining liaison with, and providing complete and timely program status information in comprehensive form to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and other interested Government agencies on matters relating to the MOL program.
3. In the discharge of these responsibilities, he will maintain the office located in the Pentagon near the office of the Secretary of the Air Force, which will constitute a staff element of the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. This office will be staffed by a selected number of highly qualified Air Force officers, including a full-time general officer as Vice Director, MOL, and manned with Air Force Systems Command resources. Representation from other Government agencies may be included, if appropriate.

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4. He will maintain a program implementation office, designated the MOL Systems Office at the Air Force Space Systems Division, El Segundo, California. This office will be headed by a full-time general officer, designated Deputy Director, MOL, who will report directly to the Director, MOL.

5. Secretary of the Air Force Order 117.4, dated August 25, 1965, is hereby superseded.

6. This Order is issued in accordance with Air Force Regulation 11-18, July 18, 1963, subject: "Delegating or Assigning Statutory Authority."

Harold Brown

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Secretary of the Air Force