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FOR COLONEL HERAN FROM GENERAL EVANS.

REFERENCE IS MADE TO OUR ORAL DISCUSSION ON
JANUARY 26 RELATIVE TO PROCEEDING WITH EXTENDED LIFETIME SUPPORT
MODULE FOR MOL. QUOTED BELOW IS A MEMORANDUM NOT YET SIGNED BY DR.
FOSTER, WHICH SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE AIR FORCE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
PLEASE INSURE THAT THE ACTIONS YOU ARE TAKING TO IMPLEMENT THE
EXTENDED LIFETIME SUPPORT MODULE FOR MOL ARE NOT IN CONFLICT
WITH THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT MEMORANDUM. SHOULD THE DRAFT
MEMORANDUM CONTAIN PROVISIONS WHICH ARE UNNECESSARILY CONSTRAINING,
PLEASE IDENTIFY THE IMPACT TO ME.

QUOTE:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (R&D),
SUBJECT: EXTENDED LIFETIME SUPPORT MODULE FOR MOL. I HAVE REVIEWED
YOUR MEMORANDUM ON THIS SUBJECT DATED 20 JANUARY 1967. I CONCUR IN
YOUR APPROACH TO DESIGN THE BASELINE MOL SYSTEM SO THAT A GROWTH
TO A 60-DAY LIFE CAN BE ACHIEVED WHEN DESIRED BUT TO QUALIFY THE
PRESENT SYSTEM ONLY FOR 30 DAYS. THE MOL PROGRAM WHICH WILL TOTAL
OVER \$2 BILLION AS NOW PLANNED PRESENTS SEVERE FUNDING PROBLEMS.
IT IS CERTAINLY PRUDENT THAT WE TAKE STEPS SUCH AS YOU PROPOSE WHICH
COULD LEAD TO A MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MOL SYSTEM IN THE FUTURE.
I DO REQUEST, HOWEVER, THAT SPECIAL STEPS BE TAKEN IN THE CONFIGURATION
AND CHARGE CONTROL AREA TO ASSURE THAT IN PROVIDING FOR A FUTURE
EXTENDED LIFE CAPABILITY THE FUNDING REQUIRED FOR CHANGES TO THE
BASELINE PROGRAM NOT BE INCREASED BEYOND THE \$2 MILLION YOU IDENTIFY
AS NECESSARY. AT SUCH TIME AS COMPONENT EXTENDED LIFE AND OTHER
DEVELOPMENT TEST RESULTS WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY ARE AVAILABLE,
I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A BRIEFING SHOWING THE COST OF IMPLEMENTING
UNMANNED EXTENDED LIFE MISSIONS COMPARED TO THE OPERATIONAL ADVANTAGES
GAINED.

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