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**TO:** 

24 March 1967

Utilization of NASA Gemini Program Equipment on the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program

> Major General Harry L. Evans Vice Director, MOL Program Office of the Secretary of the Air Force Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear General Evans

Reference is made to your letter dated 8 March 1967 regarding the arrangements necessary to assemble, transport, refurbish and provide storage for NASA Gemini program equipment for future use on the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program. This Command will provide the necessary storage and maintenance support as required on the Gemini equipment. However, as you know, additional information is required concerning the location, condition, quantities of specific NASA Gemini equipment, and refurbishment required before specific arrangements can be finalized.

In this regard, direct liaison is authorized between the MOL System Program Office and the Manpower and Organization Division, Directorate of Operations (MCOM), in this Command. The point of contact at this Headquarters will be Mr. Robert L. Finch (MCOM), extension 70303. Additional AFLC activities will assist in the detailed planning as the need arises.

Sincerely

KENNETH B. HOBSON General, USAF Commander

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MEMORANDUM TO COLONEL HERAN

SUBJECT: MOL Priorities

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Reference your SECRET SAFSL-4 38524 March 1967, regarding upgrading of the MOL USAF Precedence Rating and DOD Master Urgency List designator.

The attached memoranda initiated the actions requested by your office. Dr. Flax has not yet acted upon the proposed memorandum for the Secretary of Defense.

> JAMES T. STEWART Major General, USAF Vice Director, MOL Program

4 Atch 1. Staff Summary Sheet 2. Memo for Dr. Flax, MOL Priorities

- 3. Memo for Sec of Def
- 4. Memo to SCCPF-1, MOL Supply Support

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PROBLEM:

1. MOL priorities should be upgraded.

DISCUSSION:

2. During the March 10, 1967 discussions on revision of MOL schedules and costs, Dr. Flax agreed to support an interim action to upgrade the MOL position on the DOD Master Urgency List (MUL) to Category S (Brick-Bat other than .01), pending a final OSD decision on Dr. Brown's recent recommandation to place MOL in Category S (Brick-Bat .01). The attached memoranda initate this action.

3. A separate, but related, action to upgrade the present MOL USAF Precedence Rating from 3-70 to 1-7 is considered appropriate in the present circumstances. Award of Brick-Bat .01 status would result automatically in assignment of Precedence Rating 1-1; in the absence of the Brick-Bat .01 designation, the highest Precedence Rating that can be awarded by the Air Force without JCS approval is 1-7. Interim assignment to MOL of USAF Precedence Rating 1-7 would be consistent with the recent SAF recommendation to SecDef for Brick-Bat .01 status. In addition, upgrading of the existing precedence rating is required in connection with specific supply support problems recently encountered in setting up MOL aircraft operations in Los Angeles. Tab B, SCMMS letter of March 2, 1967, discusses these problems.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

4. That the attached memorandum be signed (Tab A).

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Tab A - Proposed Memos (2) Tab B - SCMMS-2 Memo

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. FLAX

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SUBJECT: MOL Priorities

In view of the present uncertainty regarding assignment of Category S (Brick-Eat .01) Master Urgency List designator and DX industrial priority to NDL, it seems prudent to proceed with the program, for the moment, on the conservative assumption that DO industrial priority will be employed for MOL procurements.

In these circumstances, the confidence with which the MOL Program can be scheduled will be materially improved by interim assignment to the program of a relatively high priority listing within the S (Brick-Bat other than .01) Category of the DOD Master Urgency List. I therefore recommend that the attached memorandum, or its equivalent, be forwarded to the Secretary of Defense.

I further recommend that immediate action be taken to upgrade the MOL USAF Precedence Rating from 3-70 to 1-7. Our field activities advise that initial lay-in of T-33 and T-38 spares and AGE for MOL aircraft operations in Los Angeles is jeopardized by the relatively low Precedence Rating now assigned.

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JAMES FERGUSON, General, USAF Commander JAMES FERGUSON General, USAF Director, MOL Program 2 MAR 1967

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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> Your attention is invited to my memorandum to you of January 7, 1967, regarding assignment of Category S (Brick-Bat .01) Military Urgency List designator to the Manned Orbiting Laboratory Program (MOL).

The existing situation with respect to MDL priorities continues to jeopardize the orderly progress of the MDL effort. As an interim measure, pending a final decision on assignment of Category S (Brick-Bat .OL) designator to MDL, I recommend that the MOL Program be placed immediately in Master Urgency List Category S (Brick-Bat other than .OL) in the highest possible relative position, following only those programs which directly support operations in Southeast Asia.

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1. Reference is made to AFSC Index of R&D Projects, 30 Sep 1966, Control Nr 66-SCCDF-11261, which identifies the MOL precedence rating of 3-70. Due to the critical shortage of T-33 and T-38 spares and ACE, initial lay in is jeopardized by the unsatisfactory precedence rating assigned the MOL program. AFLC inventory managers advise they can only be as responsive as the USAF Precedence and Priority Systems. allow.

2. The MOL program consists of three T-33A aircraft, SNs 56-3674, 56-3675, 57-609 and two T-38A aircraft, SNs 59-1603, 59-1604. These aircraft will be assigned Los Angeles AFS in support of this program which is scheduled to be operational 15 April 1967.

3. To insure that the MOL program supply support is effective and will be continuously supported by AFLC, we require your assistance. Request the MOL program be included in the next revision to the Program Document 68-4 and those aircraft referenced in paragraph 2 above be specifically identified with the MOL program located at SSD. In order for this program to achieve the same recognition as other AF programs, it is essential that action be taken to upgrade the MOL precedence rating from 3-70 to 1-9.

4. Request this office be advised of your decisions and/or actions by 8 March 1967.

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