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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Interface with MOL and MOL Contractors

1. Let IBM accomplish their pre-Phase I IVS study under MOL supervision.

2. Make no connection between IBM and EK at this time, since it is a limited pre-Phase I (Phase O) study of only 90 days duration.

  a. EK does not vitally need the data from IBM in view of the LMSC work already done. Much of the IBM work will probably be concerning acquisition performance data needed more by the system operation planners than system designers to establish acquisition times, operational modes, etc.

  b. The IBM data at the end of their task will be quite useful and can be passed to EK at that time.

  c. There are advantages to allowing IBM to proceed through this pre-Phase I study on their own to obtain a separate approach to the IVS problem.

3. The initial approach of clearing the top AF and Aerospace MOL personnel (Brady and Leonard) provides a way to get data out of the IBM or other MOL work into SP. However, it should be realized that this is not a first hand approach with the data usually being in the form of reports resulting in delays. Also, it.is difficult to get SP in-puts into IBM or other MOL efforts, since these people usually do not personally accomplish the TD. For SP ideas to receive attention, they should be presented to the actual TD leaders.

4. In view of the comments above, it has become apparent that some additional clearances at the working level are desirable. On the AF side of MOL, this has been accomplished with the clearing of Lt Colonel Regnier and the processing of Major Wallace. For Aerospace personnel, there are at least three possible approaches as indicated below.

  a. Clear several working level MOL people now. These could possibly be "Special Handling" briefings, but not project named. That is, a halfway briefing, which would say that SP is interested from an advanced planning viewpoint in manned operations; therefore, SP has an interest in the data and procedures as they develop in MOL.

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b.   Clear no MOL people but clear several Technical Division Support people who work full time in support of MOL.

c.   Clear no MOL people or full time support personnel, but establish the interface with the working level MOL personnel through the Advanced Systems Office headed by Phil Diamond under John Aseltine.   This could be done by clearing Diamond and placing a member of the Aerospace SP group in his organization.   He would still belong to John Travis, but his announced job in the "white" would be to keep the Advanced Systems Office abreast of all MOL developments and progress, and in turn to assure that the MOL office has full benefit of the talents in the Advanced Systems Office. Meanwhile in the "black" he would function as the active link between SP and MOL on the Aerospace side of the house.

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