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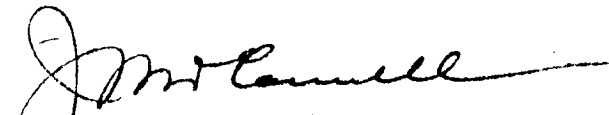
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SUBJECT: Selection of Aerospace Research Pilots for Assignment to the
MOL Program

to: AFSC (General Schriever)

1. Reference your letter of 8 February 1965 on the above subject, your interest in the early selection of officers to provide astronaut type input in the early phases of engineering development on the MOL system is appreciated. In view of the importance of the selection of the best possible officers to be astronauts and the sensitive nature of the public release of the names of the selectees, this headquarters must retain central authority for these actions. As you know Air Force candidates for the previous NASA astronaut programs were selected by board action in this headquarters. We would expect to follow this precedent in the MOL program.

2. We note your intent to nominate your selectees to this headquarters at the appropriate time. These will be given full consideration. Meanwhile, we would be interested in your opinion with respect to the approximate time when the selections should be made and public announcements released.


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General, U. S. Air Force
Chief of Staff

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