

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, MANNED ORBITING LABORATORY (MOL)
PROGRAM

SUBJECT: Authorization to Proceed with the Engineering
Development Phase of the MOL Program

As Director of the MOL Program, you are authorized to continue with the engineering development of the MOL System.

Release of DOD deferred FY 67 funds in the amount of \$120,000,000 is granted to continue the contracted MOL Phase II Development Program with the understanding that actual obligations and expenditures on each major segment of the program are to be reviewed in detail prior to release of remaining FY 67 funds. Control of FY 67 and FY 68 expenditures and commitments to minimum levels compatible with approved program objectives is essential. FY 67 funding is now established at a maximum of \$228 million. However, reductions of FY 67 program fund requirements which may result from actions initiated or taken at the January 5, 1967 MOL management meeting should be fully considered. FY 68 funding levels will be established following resolution of issues addressed at that meeting and updating of the financial plan based on actual experience prior to the last quarter of FY 67.

I request to be advised on a continuing basis of any disparity that might exist between fund availability and baseline requirements as actual experience in obligating funds develops. Based on this experience, reprogramming of additional program funds, as necessary, or alternatively slipping development and flight schedules for all or part of the baseline program will be examined.

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