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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT)

Subj: Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) Program Funding (U)

In accordance with OSD directives assigning the Department of the Air Force as executive agency for the DOD MOL Program, I would like to advise you of a requirement for additional funds for Navy participation in that program. The additional requirement is a direct result of delays in the decision to proceed with Phase I.

By the DDR&E memo to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research & Development) (ASN R&D) of 20 August, the Navy was advised that all funding requirements for its participation would be included in the Air Force MOL Program Element. By that same memorandum \$.6 million was released to support Navy Pre-Phase I activities, which in accordance with Air Force plans, were scheduled to be completed early in November, 1964.

It is understood that the decision to proceed with Phase I has been postponed and that release of Fiscal Year 1965 funds in support of that phase may not be forthcoming until February, 1965. In order to complete the Pre-Phase I analysis and documentation required by the MOL Special Projects Office (SPO), the following additional funds are required for Navy participation:

January 1965	174,200
February and subsequent until Phase I commences	183,300/month

These funds are primarily in support of in-house laboratory efforts at Naval Air Development Center, Johnsville, Pa., Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D.C., Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, and Navy MOL Office at Space Systems Division, Los Angeles, California, in direct support of Pre-Phase I activities.

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