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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: NASA Proposals to Study MOL ATS and DORIAN  
Technology

I have prepared a brief memorandum for your signature to Dr. Seamans summarizing the application of the MOL ATS, the GE Mission Simulator, and DORIAN Optical Technology to future NASA needs. This memorandum points out that the NASA study proposals are quite feasible. Further, the fact that they will be carried out under BYEMAN control defers the major policy issues until a later date.

The memorandum also transmits a letter for Dr. Seamans' signature to Dr. Newell accepting the NASA proposals and identifying Colonel Law Allen as the point of contact to work out the details of implementation. Although Colonel Allen is identified to NASA as the point of contact, I will actually undertake to work out the details of implementation with NASA as an extension of the NRO Staff for these matters. Should I be reassigned once I have completed my MOL close-out tasks, Colonel Allen would, of course, move these implementation responsibilities back into the NRO Staff proper.

I propose that we set up a small task group immediately to meet with the appropriate NASA people and begin the preparation of work statements and plans. To do this, I recommend that we request the assistance of the MOL Office and two or three of the officers previously assigned to MOL now at AFSC; specifically Colonels White, Loret and Gandy. This can be done informally.

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As soon as we have progressed to the appropriate point I will prepare guidance for you to send to General King. In the near future, I will provide him with copies of the correspondence and seek his advice and assistance as appropriate.

SIGNED

RALPH J. FORD  
Colonel, USAF

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