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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NITZE
MR. HELMS
DR. HORNIG

SUBJECT: NASA Lunar Mapping and Survey System (LM&SS)

On April 28, 1967 (BYE-52292-67), I advised you of the results of an April 20 Manned Spaceflight Policy Committee review of the NASA LM&SS program and of the several options which NASA had agreed to review, specifically:

1. Cancellation of the LM&SS program.
2. Continuation of the LM&SS program, dispensing with the Earth-orbital test.
3. Continuation of the LM&SS program, including Earth-orbital test.

As a result of this review, NASA has now taken action to terminate this program.

On August 3, 1967 NASA asked the NRO to transmit to SAFSP the text of its wire to the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center. The wire relayed the NASA decision "to terminate all activity associated with hardware and software procurement development and test for the LM&SS." The message directed that "no further work effort shall be applied to payload module flight articles numbers 3, 4 and 5" and that it was NASA's intent at an early date "to direct disposition of work effort associated with flight articles numbers 1 and 2 and associated test and support equipment." The message

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requested the NASA MSC Program Office to develop, in cooperation with the Air Force Program Office (SAFSP), an implementation plan to accomplish termination of the LM&SS program in the most cost-effective manner. The preparation and review of this plan is in progress.

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