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Washington, D.C. 20305

Dear Bud:

For something over two years, we have had two NASA aerospace engineers from our Office of Manned Space Flight (OMSF) working with your Directorate in support of the Foreign Missiles and Space Analysis Center (FMSAC), as a means of making available NASA technical resources to assist you in the analysis of manned space flight intelligence data. The NASA engineers are Mr. Thomas Hagler and Mr. James Shaw.

In accord with our discussions as to the desirability of periodically rotating NASA personnel assigned to this task, Dr. Mueller has nominated Mr. Jerome Teplitz to replace Mr. Hagler. The actual relief will take place as soon as Mr. Teplitz has been properly cleared. Mr. Hagler will return to wholly NASA duties in OMSF.

In the light of this personnel change, it might be timely to review the functions of our two designated engineers and the administrative relationships governing their assignment to FMSAC.

It is my understanding that these two engineers, while not formally detailed to CIA, work on a daily basis in the FMSAC and receive direction from a designated staff member of that office. Their function is to assist CIA in preparing analyses and evaluations of Soviet space intelligence by providing technical support in the area of manned space flight and by furnishing useful data to FMSAC from OMSF and its Centers. To keep current as to the NASA program, it is expected that the NASA engineers will maintain close liaison with their parent office, the Office of Manned Missions Programs,

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OMSF. I would expect the day-to-day support by our engineers to consist of a two-way flow of technical information between FMSAC and OMSF.

I am aware that one or both of our engineers have been serving in a technical advisory capacity to the Space Working Group of GMAIC. This I would expect them to continue, at the pleasure of the Chairman of that Group. Our policy continues to be that any direct association of NASA with the activities of the USIB is inappropriate.

Requests for NASA studies either in-house or by our contractors should be addressed to NASA Headquarters (Code WX). That office has been specifically established as the focal point for NASA interface with the intelligence community, and the normal flow of processed intelligence information from CIA to NASA management should take place through that office.

Your comments concerning my understanding of these CIA-NASA relationships, as stated above, would be appreciated.

Mr. Webb and I are very pleased with the responsiveness of Mr. Carl Duckett and his staff to our requests for intelligence briefings. This means of keeping NASA management apprised of Soviet manned and unmanned space events has been most effective and helpful.

Sincerely,

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