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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

This good report from the Administrator of NASA is in response to your request made in November to study and report on possible projects for substantive cooperation with the Soviet Union on outer space. The report represents a consensus among NASA, State, Defense, CIA, the Science Advisor, and the Executive Secretary of the Space Council.

In brief, the report contains guidelines to govern negotiations with the Soviet Union that have a reasonable chance of success, yet protect our national interests. It proposes a graduated approach calculated to develop mutual confidence, exchange information, and lay the foundation for consultative planning of specific projects. Careful consideration has been given to cultivating favorable Congressional and public attitudes. The specific proposals now being considered all relate to a joint program of unmanned flight projects to support a manned lunar landing.

No immediate public action is recommended because we are in need of Soviet performance on present agreements. We will continue to show interest, through the existing Dryden-Blagonravov channel, in obtaining a positive Soviet answer to the proposals for cooperation already made by President Kennedy and by you. Meanwhile, we will watch the performance of the Soviet Union under existing agreements.

The Administrator is keeping this program under his continuing personal review and clearly understands your interest in it. He will keep you advised of progress and may call upon you for further initiative sometime around the first of May; by then the Soviet Union will have had ample opportunity to make clear its intentions.

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Attached is a National Security Action Memorandum for your signature, giving your general endorsement to the report and recommendations.

Signed and Approved _____

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McGeorge Bundy

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your National Security Action Memorandum No. 285, endorsing our report on cooperation with the USSR on outer space matters, called for further recommendations appropriate to the Soviet attitude as of May 1.

There has been no Soviet response to our initiative at the United Nations, and progress under the current agreement has been limited thus far to Soviet participation in joint tests with the passive communications satellite ECHO II. Dr. Dryden expects, however, to have further bilateral discussions with Academician Blagonravov in Geneva when they are both there for the United Nations' space committee meetings from May 22 through June 12. We request approval, therefore, to defer any further recommendations to you until the latter part of June.

You also asked that the members of the Space Council be briefed on our report. Such a briefing was held on April 10.

Respectfully yours,

James E. Webb
James E. Webb
Administrator

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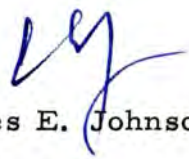
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May 4, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

Mac --

It appears reasonable to give NASA a little more time to test the Soviets' intentions by further conversation. If, however, the next round of conversation is fruitless, NASA should be requested to develop some specific action proposal that would represent a new initiative on our part. At the last meeting of the Space Council Harriman indicated that he was not especially wedded to the idea of enforcing on the terms of previous agreements and would be quite willing to consider entirely new initiatives in the space field.



Charles E. Johnson

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