

NOTES 8-30-61 DEBUS

1. NASA/DOD Agreement. You have a copy of NASA/DOD Agreement on operation and funding of operations at new launch areas at AMR. This, together with existing LOD/AMR agreement appears to be a desirable working arrangement. Col. Cooper (DOD) and Snyder immediately wanted to come to Cape to discuss plans. However, Davis was out of the country so Bud Sands (new Deputy to Davis) and I agreed to solve all our problems locally and not refer questions to Headquarters. Consequently, we stopped Snyder from coming to CCMTA with Cooper. The agreement has extended the responsibility of NASA into funding for the maintenance and operations for the new Cape area. This is as we desired because it gives NASA a certain control over the "Mission" and "Support" type of operations.

2. Land Acquisition at AMR. Last Thursday's announcement of NASA's planned land acquisition at AMR was handled in a pitiful manner completely "outside" DOD and NASA channels. My present understanding of the status indicates that:

a. Dryden goes to Senate August 30th. I understand that he will ask for '63 funds.

b. He will ask for permission to re-program '62 funds and pay these funded areas back with the '63 funds obtained for land.

3. Problem. In connection with the two topics above, and all the implications concerned, then the one basic problem of personnel spaces for LOD becomes most critical! It is my strong contention that we must move NOW and not LATER. - ACTION required.

4. Study Group. Sam Snyder wants to form a study group to come to CCMTA to "analyze administrative and technical operations and logistics problems which now exist within the NASA elements at AMR." I put this subject on ice for a while.

5. Mercury Redstone. With cancellation of Mercury, we are putting the Complex 56 in a "mothball" standby status.

6. Saturn at CCMTA. Very satisfactory progress to date. Weather (rain) is problem so far . . . Major problem area, however, concerns restrictions placed by purchasing and contracting for modifications on service structure. This we have to work out to provide a ways and means to move FAST when a requirement for repair or modification comes up . . . Are you aware of the daily status report on progress which we submit at the end of each day? It could be on your desk each morning if you want it.

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I think it's obvious that LOD needs more space to activate Saturn launchings and take care of NASA-side objectives. On the other hand, I'd like to know first how the ball bounces organizationally. I'd hate to see MSFC use all its spaces to build up LOD capabilities for non-MSFC tasks!! B 9-4