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Comments from July 17, 1975, briefing for Dr. LaBerge

The subject briefing to Dr. LaBerge and Mr. Yardley took place as scheduled and covered mostly our operational planning status with some insight into how it would be applied to the Near Term DOD Missions. Significant comments or points made are as follows:

- a. Dr. LaBerge indicated he would take a personal interest in clarifying the security requirement for the DOD mission to be controlled from MCCB.
- b. With respect to item (a) both Mr. Yardley and Dr. LaBerge expressed an interest in more specific briefing that dealt with separating secure IUS mission planning and control functions from non-secure Shuttle operations for IUS flights.
- c. Although, Dr. LaBerge was specifically interested in how many DOD personnel would be needed at JSC for Near Term DOD Mission he indicated he was not in favor of the DOD selecting the flight areas or the key flight controller team members but would rather let it be a NASA operation. Mr. Yardley indicated that he expected the DOD would want to select the crews for their missions.
- d. The question as to what verification NASA required of the IUS prior to flying it in the Shuttle led to a lengthy discussion as to the relationship of OFT and IUS. Mr. Yardley indicated that consideration should be given to flying an IUS test article during OFT and Dr. LaBerge indicated agreement.
- e. The briefing did not cover all of the intended material and Dr. LaBerge indicated a desire to be more completely briefed on the Shuttle Operations planning at a future date.

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