



AVOID VERBAL ORDERS

TO... J. Garman Bldg Room DATE 4 May 1971
FROM... J.L. Norton Bldg Room EXT

SUBJECT: "Norton is Working With Us"

I received a call this morning from a John Van Esckel, whom John Monroe identified as somebody in "crew coordination". He said that he had been talking to G. Thomas about the Users' Guide material.

He said he had talked to R. Larson of MIT, and Larson had informed him that "Norton has been working with us the past couple of weeks on updating the Users' Guide."

With the millions of dollars that you give to MIT, it seems to me that they should be able to produce documents on their own, rather than having to drag my name into their excuses to NASA as to why the document is lousy. As Mr. Larson craftily planned, the documents I was permitted to see had no page numbers and had to be returned, so I have absolutely no proof of whether or not some particular butch in the crew version was or was not in the version I saw. I do have proof of the Rev. 1 comments that MEC ignored in Rev. 2, but MIT still has their millions and I still have the post-midnight hours. As I told you yesterday, I've been working for 6 years on Apollo, and NASA doesn't have much to show for it. I hope you sleep well.