MEMORANDUM for Distribution

Subject: Results of Planning Meeting for Apollo Spacecraft Guidance and Navigation Review

A meeting of pertinent organizational elements was held on September 27, 1963, to formulate an agenda for the Apollo Spacecraft Guidance and Navigation Review as outlined in MSC Memo 8 (ROP:gvn), dated September 24, 1963. This meeting was a planning session for the meeting which will be held October 7, 1963, in the Director’s Conference Room at MSC, starting at 9:00 a.m.

The agenda formulated for the October 7 meeting is intended to allow decisions to be made by an Executive session on the Command and Service Module Computer and the Lunar Excursion Module Navigation and Guidance System.

The following is a brief description of the issues in question:

a. As a result of the Gemini-Apollo compatibility study, it was decided that an investigation should be made to determine if the Saturn 5 Triple Modular Redundant Computer made by IBM should be used instead of the Apollo Guidance Computer made by MIT-Raytheon. The action to date has been a joint MSC-Bellcomm comparison of the two computers and a joint MSC-IBM study to evaluate the feasibility of installing the TMR computer in the Command Module.

b. A study has been initiated to determine if the current MIT Guidance and Navigation System with the GAEC Abort Guidance System should be used in the Lunar Excursion Module, or if a new lightweight, doubly redundant Guidance and Navigation System should be developed with radar on the ascent stage for use as an Abort Guidance System.

The attached agenda has been developed for the October 7 meeting in order to allow the Executive session to resolve the issues.

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Agenda for October 7 meeting
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AGENDA FOR REVIEW OF
APOLLO SPACECRAFT GUIDANCE AND NAVIGATION
SYSTEM, October 7, 1963

I. Introduction - (Present System)
   A. System Description
   B. System Development Status
   C. System Requirements

II. Description of Issues to be Resolved
   A. TMR Computer vs MIT Computer
      1. Present Status of Studies
      2. Triple Modular Redundancy Computer Descriptions
   B. LEM G&N Configuration
      1. Present System
      2. Use of Lunar Landing Radar on Ascent Stage
      3. Operational Consideration Ground Rules
      4. Total LEM weight and reliability consideration
      5. Proposed new LEM Guidance Configuration
      6. Results of Bellcomm study
      7. Management, Cost and Schedule Impact
      8. Summation
PLANNING MEETING FOR APOLLO SPACECRAFT
GUIDANCE AND NAVIGATION REVIEW

September 27, 1963

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