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~~Secretary of the Army~~ 14 SEP 1976

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Recommend that each addressee sign the MOU prior to its release to the administrator at NASA. A proposed transmittal letter is attached for signature by the Secretary of Defense. The proposed MOU has been coordinated with The Special Assistant during the staffing process.

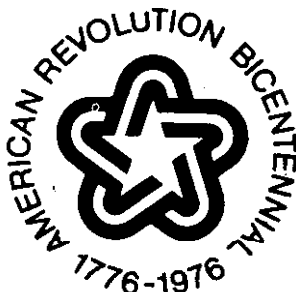
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J . W. Plummer  
Acting Secretary of the Air Force

Attachment  
Proposed Letter with MOU

cc: Deputy Secretary of Defense

Concur *J. W. Plummer, 9/16/76*  
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