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MEMORANDUM for General Ostrander - L

Cost estimates for "operational" versions of the Saturn C1 and C2 have varied in recent months from \$10 million to \$30 million. Assuming we are talking about the fabrication, assembly, testing, preparation for launch, and launching of a C1 and a C2, what is the best estimate of the cost of each of these launch vehicles? Note, please, that developmental costs would be excluded from this calculation. I presume that it would be necessary to assume a rate of production, and I therefore suggest two such rates--four per year and eight per year.

I recognize that I am asking for an estimate only. I don't want a "salesman's" estimate. I would like a conservative best estimate which could be quoted in testimony and, more importantly, could be used by the OSFP in developing cost figures for missions requiring the use of "operational" Satellites.

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