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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM For M/Dr. Mueller

SUBJECT: Apollo/Saturn Nomenclature

I understand that your office has indicated a desire to now delete the word "uprated" from "uprated Saturn I" as part of a previously approved plan to discontinue the "Saturn IB" nomenclature. In reviewing this, the only document of record is the Project Designation Committee memorandum of June 9, 1966, signed by Mr. Scheer and, as I recall, concurred in by you and myself, which indicates that the final nomenclature for the Saturn IB would be "uprated Saturn I". I consider it desirable, at least for the time being and for the FY 68 congressional hearings, to use "uprated Saturn I". Please consider upon completion of the FY 68 hearings whether or not it might be desirable at that time to drop the word "uprated" and raise the matter with me in coordination with Mr. Scheer.

I would also like to bring up the matter of how the Apollo and AAP missions should be designated. We have referred to the first three Apollo/Saturn missions by using the launch vehicle number, i.e., AS-201, 202, and 203, which is a departure from the mission designations in the Mercury and Gemini programs. I would appreciate your submitting a proposal for designating the Apollo and AAP missions, without using hardware designations, to the Project Designation Committee for their consideration and recommendation to me.

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