

O'Keefe, von Braun, Stuhlinger, Lundquist

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O'Keefe related his impressions of John Hagen of Project Vanguard. Hagen is a sincere scientist, open to reasonable suggestions.

The possibility of firing R.S. # 29 as part of the Vanguard program was discussed.

The possibility that Russia will be able to launch a satellite soon seems quite real. ABMA might expect an urgent request to fire to beat the Russians. Von Braun would prefer not to do this independently, but as part of Vanguard. He does not wish to put the Navy in bad light.

A meeting of von Braun and Hagen was proposed. O'Keefe will contact Hagen when he returns to Washington and see if he is agreeable to such a meeting.