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MEMORANDUM to Distribution

Attached for your information is a copy of RTQ prepared for newsroom use in response to Dr. Hawkins' statement at the change-of-shift briefing today.

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Enclosure

RTQ

At the change-of-shift briefing today, Dr. Hawkins said that private medical conferences would be routine on Skylab.

Q. Has a decision been made to provide for routine private conversations between the flight surgeon and Skylab crew members?

A. No decision has been made to alter in any way the ground rules for private conversations. NASA policy is to release all air-to-ground conversation in real time or as close to real time as practicable. Under special circumstances either the flight crew or mission director may request a private conversation. Such requests are expected to be infrequent and to be made only when a real operational need exists.