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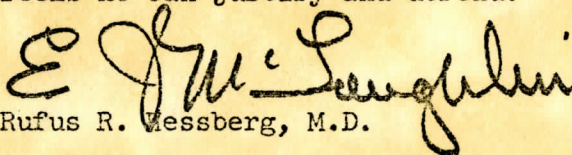
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MEMORANDUM

TO: MLO/Director, Operations, Skylab Program
FROM: MMS/Director, Space Medicine
SUBJECT: Skylab Private Conversations

We have had an opportunity to discuss the proposed wording of your original version re stated subject with Dr. Berry.

Enclosed is a copy of Dr. Berry's recommended changes to that proposed Skylab Supplement; the medical portion of which he feels he can justify and defend.

for 
Rufus R. Messberg, M.D.
Enclosure

AIR-TO-GROUND PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS

PROPOSED SKYLAB SUPPLEMENT

The baseline policy regarding Air-to-Ground Private Conversations is modified for the two special conditions as follows:

1. Medical - The long term zero gravity missions of Skylab require continual cognizance of all available details of the flight crew's medical status. Each crewman will be freely discussing sensitive and private medical information with the Flight Surgeon. These sensitive medical conversations will be routinely scheduled, unannounced and exempt from any news release. However, any substantive mission modifications resulting therefrom will be promptly announced. The following ground rules will apply:

a. Conversations will be limited to sensitive medical data and necessary context.

b. Each conversation will include only the Flight Surgeon and the Flight Director.

c. The tapes of these medical conversations will be retained by the MSC Deputy Director for Medical Operations, Life Sciences Directorate and access will be controlled by the Director, MSC.

2. Family - Unmonitored personal conversations between crewmen and family members will also be allowed.