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Memorandum

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TO : All Astronauts

DATE: NOV 10 1969

FROM : CA/Director of Flight Crew Operations

SUBJECT: Communications discipline

There are continuing cases of astronauts communicating directly with managers of other organizations without the knowledge or approval of line management. Ninety percent of these unofficial contacts end up causing us problems. The purpose of this memo is to ensure everyone knows the rules, the principles of which should be well known by every 2nd Lieutenant and Ensign. Disciplinary action will be taken against future violators.

The rules are:

a. There will be no direct contact by any astronaut with any manager above the Division Chief level without the knowledge and approval of Chief, Astronaut Office, or Director, Flight Crew Operations. This includes Public Affairs and other staff offices.

b. There will be no direct contact by any astronaut with anyone outside the Directorate concerning Directorate policy without the knowledge and approval of Chief, Astronaut Office, or Director, Flight Crew Operations.

We are not interested in censorship or inhibition of required communications, and those of you who find the above rules too constraining are in the wrong organization.

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