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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DA-73-M230

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Record

FROM: DA/Director of Life Sciences

SUBJECT: Modified Health Stabilization Plan

The problems encountered with the OWS have necessitated deviations in the Skylab Health Stabilization Plan. The need for non-primary contact access with the Skylab-2 crewmen for the development of EVA equipment and procedures requires non-primary contact with the crew. To insure the health and to protect the crew, the following procedures will be implemented:

1. Meetings at JSC or other locations involving non-primary contacts and the flight crewmen.

a. Meetings should be held via telephone and closed circuit TV were possible. If these arrangements cannot be made, the following procedures should be followed:

— (1) Crewmen should be seated in an isolated area in the conference room.

(2) Attendance should be minimized. Crewmen and meeting attendees must wear surgical masks. The senior management leader should poll the attendees to determine if anyone is feeling ill or members of their family have an infectious disease. If anyone does indicate that either of the two above conditions exists they should be asked to leave the meeting.

(3) The Health Stabilization Office should, if possible, be notified at least one to two hours before the meeting so that this plan can be implemented.

2. The following provisions for crew travel to MSFC for EVA training should be implemented:

a. The above procedures for meetings should be implemented by MSFC.

b. The crew will be housed in isolated quarters. Skylab type food will be provided by an onsite JSC food specialist.

c. The medical officer at MSFC should be responsible for implementing the following procedures:

(1) A daily temperature and throat check should be made of those people who have to work in intimate contact with the crew (within six feet).

(2) Records should be kept of the individuals who are in contact with the Skylab crewmen.

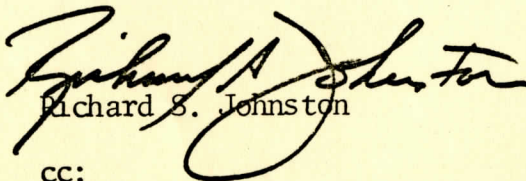
(3) All MSFC personnel in contact with the crew in any activities at MSFC should wear a surgical mask. (Any questions concerning the Health Stabilization Program should be directed to the Health Stabilization Officer at 483-6151).

3. The following procedures will be followed by non-primary contact activities in Building 5:

a. Personnel must be screened with an oral temperature and throat check. This can be accomplished either at the nurse station in Building 5 or at the JSC dispensary. Non-primary contact personnel must wear surgical masks while in Building 5. Any problems or questions should be directed to the Health Surveillance Officer.

The procedures outlined above should be followed at KSC for non-primary contact with the Skylab crewmen in conducting stowage reviews or other launch preparations.

It is felt by following these procedures that we can provide adequate protection to the crew's health and insure the safety and success of the Skylab-2 Mission.


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