Colonel John W. Ord AMD Brooks Air Force Base San Antonio, Texas

Dear Colonel Ord:

For the past few weeks I have had time to look over the present NASA schedule and the state of the scales contract. Had hoped to go over it with you but you were away and Vern K. and I had a session with S.W.R.I. after which, again I unsuccessfully tried to transmit our conclusions to you. Apparently Vern got the information to you by letter. Some way there was a misunderstanding on dropping the 5 cycles to 3 on the small scale which I feel should not be done without study.

The enclosed letter is an outline of what I feel we should now do in view of the latest NASA schedules. Had hoped to discuss this with you but just can't get there by phone.

I plan to be in San Antonio for a while and if you get any time my number is - 655-0021.

Best regards,

William E. Thornton NASA Astronaut