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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: MM

TO: Manned Spacecraft Center
Attention: Director, Medical Research and Operations, DA

FROM: Director, Space Medicine

SUBJECT: Release of Personnel from Quarantine Related to
Lunar Flights

Recommendation for release of crew members and other persons, the crew reception area, and lunar-exposed matter, from quarantine should be sent to the Director of Space Medicine. Your recommendation of December 10, related to the Apollo 12 crew, was sent to the Chairman of the Interagency Committee on Back Contamination through the Director of Space Medicine. This is incorrect. //

Due to the fact that the authority for release, vested in the NASA Administrator, has been delegated to the Director of Space Medicine, and to the fact that the Interagency Committee on Back Contamination cannot authorize release but can only recommend and concur or non-concur in the recommendation, the final decision rests with the Director of Space Medicine after consultation with any non-concurring regulatory agencies. |

Request that future recommendations be properly routed.

for Hugh W. Randle

J. W. Humphreys, Jr.
Major General, USAF, MC