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FROM : DA/Director of Medical Research  
and Operations

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SUBJECT: Internal Changes within the Medical Research  
and Operations Directorate

Dr. Lawrence Dietlein is hereby assigned as Assistant Director for Research in the Office of the Director of Medical Research and Operations. Dr. Dietlein will function as the Program Director of all biomedical research functions within the Directorate and report to the Director of Medical Research and Operations. The purpose of this assignment is to enhance the Directorate and Center relationships with the scientific community and to provide greater professional attention to the surveillance of biomedical research activities.

Effective immediately, the Biomedical Technology Group is established. Dr. George Armstrong is assigned as Chief and Mr. James Bost as Deputy Chief of the Group, reporting to the Director of Medical Research and Operations. The purpose of this change is to assist the Directorate in providing the necessary attention to the critical problem associated with the management of the definition of medical flight experiments, and with the integration of these experiments into flight programs and specific spacecraft. In addition, the Group will serve in a liaison capacity with systems engineering activities through the development and implementation phases of the acquisition of hardware and software of primary concern to the Directorate; establish acceptance standards and conduct verification testing for biomedical systems; and identify biomedical information systems requirements. Pending Headquarters' approval of a reorganization of the Medical Research and Operations Directorate changing the Group to a Division level organization, the Group will operate as a temporary organization.

Also effective immediately is the reassignment to the Preventive Medicine Office of certain functions concerned with preventive medicine activities which have previously been assigned to the Biomedical Research Office. These changes are reflected in the enclosed personnel listing.





Dr. W. W. Kemmerer who was previously appointed as Acting Chief of the Preventive Medicine Office is hereby appointed as Chief of the Office and Mr. John Mason is assigned as Assistant Chief, Preventive Medicine Office.

Dr. Edward Beckman is assigned as Chief of the Biomedical Research Office.

The Medical Requirements Office is hereby abolished. Dr. D. O. Coons is reassigned as Special Assistant to the Director of Medical Research and Operations until his expected departure.

Functional statements for the Biomedical Technology Group and the three Offices of the Directorate are enclosed as well as a current listing of all assignments in the Directorate.

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