

Air Force Information Office for further info. No determination was relayed by me.

2100 Maj. Quintanilla called SPADATS and they knew of no space junk entering the atmosphere today. This information has been relayed to Lt. Fowkes, AF Command Post. The best estimate at this time is a meteorite may have entered the atmosphere.

2250

Call received from Detroit radio wanting to swap information. They told me they had reports of this object but they did not know where anything hit. I told them that I knew no more than they did but I'd be glad to have any info. that he had.

2300

[NORAD OPERATOR, RED 88-2, EXT 6774]

SPACE Defense Center, ENT. AFB also called and asked for latest info. on Oakdale search effort.

I am to call them if I get any word. Maj. Quintanilla is to call them during the duty day if he gets any word.

2323

Mrs. J. L. Bourassa, Chief Special Facilities Division, OEP, code Blue Three, called and advised that Mr. [REDACTED] had called him with this info. "My man [REDACTED] has been given 3 pieces of aluminum type material near Cape Wick Area." The [REDACTED] was trying to be wary of a hoax. The [REDACTED] would like to

be informed of latest developments.

3340.

As a result of the call from Mr. [REDACTED] I called Mr. [REDACTED] to obtain a first hand account of what he thinks he has. The three pieces are to be brought to him in the morning by Mr. [REDACTED]. He asked if we minded if he kept one piece to a spectral analysis on it. I said, go right ahead but send the other two. The pieces were reported as not being charred; however, the people finding these "pieces" said they showered from the sky and are spread over a wide area. Mr. [REDACTED] said the sighting of the fire ball was approximately 200 mi north of Flint, Michigan.

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November 23, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD ON POWER FAILURE IN THE
NORTHEAST U.S. NOVEMBER 9, 1965 AND THE ABLE ALERT
ACTIVATED IN RESPONSE TO THE POWER FAILURE

All decisions based on Duty Officer Log in order of events as they happened.

Cause of power failure could not be determined after thorough check of all our normal channels of information including the Joint Chief of Staff Command Post. This is reflected in the D.O. Log.

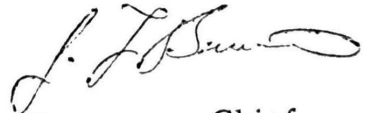
Several military establishments were also out of power and were gradually resorting to their own generating capabilities, this includes the Air Divisions concerned.

The lack of specific information at the time, plus the state of confusion that existed in the Northeast U.S., the fact that sabotage, enemy actions or unknown phenomena were all possibilities led the Director, C.L. to recommend to the Director, OEP the implementation of the ABLE condition. Recommendation was approved and so carried out. Had there been any of the above possibilities proven an ATLAS condition would have been recommended.

The expenditure involved in the conduct of this ABLE condition was justified in that it provided an insurance that had the situation developed to the contrary we would have been ready to perform our mission as assigned.

The letter of commendation from the Director, OEP, attached, shows his appreciation to our response.

This concludes the report of activities in connection with this incident.


J. Leo Bourassa, Chief
Special Facilities Division

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FEDERAL AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES MEETING
SPECIAL FACILITIES DIVISION

Minutes, November 19, 1965

Attending:

Mr. Kenrick W. Hackett, Chairman
✓ Mr. Emerald R. McKay
Mr. Allan Aime
Mr. Curtis Anderson
Dr. Roy Butler
Mr. Lee Canfield
Mr. John Curran
Mr. John Davis
Mr. Thomas Hagan
Mr. Walter Handy
Mr. Dale Johnson
Mr. John Larson
Mr. Walter McEldowney
Mr. Charles Miller
Mr. Charles Moore
Dr. Lehman Nickell
Mr. Edgar Smith
Mr. Douglas Stone
Mr. Paul Sundberg
Col. John W. Therrell
Dr. Isaac Zigler

The Chairman made the following announcements:

1. Mr. Bourassa is having stitches removed from his lip and regrets his inability to attend the meeting.
2. Mr. Bourassa has received a letter from Governor Ellington thanking him for the participation in the power blackout of November 9 and congratulating him on the quality of activity during that period. The Special Facilities Division appreciates the participation and support of the Federal Agency Representatives during the period of activity.
3. The IEPC Meeting originally scheduled for November 22 has been rescheduled to December 7.

FEDERAL AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES MEETING
SPECIAL FACILITIES DIVISION

Minutes, December 16, 1965

Mr. J. Leo Bourassa, Chairman
Mr. Kenrick W. Hackett
Mr. Allan Aime
Mr. Curtis Anderson
Mr. Sylvester Coe
Mr. John Davis
Lt. Col. Amos Ewing
Mr. Robert E. Gallagher
Mr. Thomas Hagan
Mr. Dale Johnson
Mr. John Larson
Mr. Walter McEldowney
Mr. Charles Miller
Mr. Charles Moore
Mr. Wallace B. Oliver
Mr. Leo Morrissey
Mr. Douglas Stone
Col. John W. Therrell
Dr. Isaac Zigler

The Chairman covered briefly the additional new responsibilities placed on OEP/SFD to secure and report information on significant incidents of possible national importance.

Col. Therrell announced that, as a Christmas present from USAICA, a new unclassified telephone directory is to be issued. The information therein is as of December 15.

Mr. Anderson asked if any information were available concerning a new Department of Commerce communications network designed to report on natural disasters. No information was available at the time. Inquiry reveals that there is some intention to expand the Weather Bureau system through which the public is informed of tornadoes, hurricanes, etc., to include some sort of "advisories" to elements of the Federal Government. It is still in a planning development stage.

Dr. Zigler announced that he will be on leave until December 27. That a doctor will be available on a standby basis.

Mr. McEldowney stated that during a recently concluded exercise, "Big Noise" was accidentally disseminated.

A brief discussion on round-the-clock monitoring of agency alerting points took place. Particular reference was made to possible 24 hour coverage of DEFCORD stations.

Due to the holidays, the next meeting of FAR's will be held January 6.

Mr. Handy requested that steps be taken to eliminate certain accumulations of water in the east entrance. Lt. Col. Ewing saw no difficulty in the matter.

Mr. McEldowney requested an explanation in regard to the reason why the guards at the outer gate after 1700 hours were required to record the numbers of passes of individuals leaving the installation. Lt. Col. Ewing replied that the security regulations required such a procedure. The Chairman stated that inquiry would be made as to the "why."

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FEDERAL AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES MEETING
SPECIAL FACILITIES DIVISION

Minutes, January 13, 1966

Attending:

Mr. J. Leo Bourassa, Chairman
Mr. Kenrick W. Hackett
Dr. Roy Butler
Mr. Sylvester Coe
Mr. Herbert Crawford
Mr. John Curran
Mr. John Davis
Mr. B. T. Gallagher
Mr. Thomas Hagan
Mr. Walter Handy
Mr. Dale Johnson
Mr. Terence McCracken
Mr. Walter McEldowney
Mr. John McIntire
Mr. Charles Miller
Mr. Charles Moore
Mr. George Moore
Mr. E. L. Morrissey
Dr. Lehman Nickell
Mr. Wallace Oliver
Mr. Sylvester Ridge
Mr. Edgar Smith
Col. John Therrell
Dr. Isaac Zigler

The Chairman announced that he would brief Mr. Webb of NASA, sometime during the week of the 24th, on the operation of the Special Facilities Division and that Mr. Webb will visit the facility when he returns from Europe. Two other groups are scheduled to visit in February: one from the National Science Foundation and one from NORAD.

The Chairman also announced that Mr. Hackett is proceeding with the reallocation of space, but it would still take six to eight weeks for completion because of the necessity for an orderly change over of telephone service to insure no loss of communications during this period of transition. Mr. Hackett requested the Federal Agency Representatives to review the move as it pertains to their operation and introduce any questions or problems at this time, as the physical act of moving has now begun.

Mr. Bourassa stated that in response to an NREC request for more space in Area A, he has investigated all possibilities and will discuss the matter with Dr. Coker.

Col. Therrell announced that a new station list (unclassified telephone book) was distributed as a New Year's present and that this will be updated in the future on a quarterly basis.

A request was made to install ladders for the upper bunks in the barracks and suites. This will be investigated.

Dr. Zigler stated that he was receiving requests for large amounts (500 to 1000) of aspirin from various sections; he felt that he should not honor these requests. The Chairman was in complete agreement with Dr. Zigler on this subject.

The Federal Agency Representatives indicated an interest in a five-minute Intelligence Briefing at the FAR meeting; such a briefing will be initiated at next week's meeting (January 20).

It was re-emphasized that emergency help for private vehicles on the installation will continue to be supplied by the Motor Pool in accordance with current directives.

Dr. Butler gave a report on a "sticky" HEW communications problem.

FEDERAL AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES MEETING
SPECIAL FACILITIES DIVISION

Minutes, January 20, 1966

Attending:

Mr. J. Leo Bourassa, Chairman
Mr. Kenrick W. Hackett
Mr. Sylvester Coe
Lt. Col. Amos Ewing
Mr. B. T. Gallagher
Mr. Gordon Grimwood
Mr. Thomas Hagan
Mr. Walter Handy
Mr. Dale Johnson
Mr. John Larson
Mr. Walter McEldowney
Mr. Charles Miller
Mr. Charles Moore
Dr. Lehman Nickell
Mr. Wallace Oliver
Mr. Douglas Stone
Col. John W. Therrell
Dr. Isaac Zigler

A five-minute intelligence briefing was presented by Mr. Gallagher, Chief, Plans and Programs Branch, SFD.

The Chairman briefed on the procedures followed by the Special Facilities Division concerning the nuclear weapons incident in Florida. He announced that a special team from JCS was visiting today (January 20) to discuss the inter-relationship of actions at the NMCC and the Special Facilities Division during the Northeast power failure. He also announced that General Train (Commanding General, U. S. First Army) will visit the Special Facilities Division in the near future.

Lt. Col. Ewing discussed the physical aspects of the move resulting from the near future arrangements concerning office space; Col. Therrell announced that although some telephones will necessarily be repositioned, as far as possible phone numbers will not be affected.

In response to a statement by Mr. Handy, Col. Therrell stated that "overlapping" telephone conversation incidents should be reported at the time of happening; steps will be taken to eliminate or minimize these incidents.

FEDERAL AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES MEETING
SPECIAL FACILITIES DIVISION

Minutes, January 27, 1966

Attending:

Mr. J. Leo Bourassa, Chairman
Mr. Kenrick W. Hackett
Dr. Roy Butler
Mr. Sylvester Coe
Mr. Herbert Crawford
Mr. George Devine
Mr. William Elder
Mr. Arthur Frey
Mr. B. T. Gallagher
Mr. Robert Gallagher
Mr. Thomas Hagan
Mr. Walter Handy
Mr. Dale Johnson
Mr. Terence McCracken
Mr. Charles Miller
Mr. Charles Moore
Dr. Lehman Nickell
Col. John Therrell
Dr. Isaac Zigler

The weekly Intelligence Briefing was conducted by Mr. Gallagher.

Mr. Bourassa made the following announcements:

1. He and Mr. Hackett would brief Mr. Webb and key staff at NASA tomorrow, January 28.
2. Mr. Albert Riley, a new employee of OEP Region Three, will arrive at the Special Facilities Division Monday for indoctrination and briefings.
3. It now appears that there is a good prospect of obtaining the necessary funds to renovate the Main Briefing Room, including the acquisition of a new and improved Iconorama.
4. The OEP Mail Room has been changed from Room 011, Executive Office Building, to Room 125, Executive Office Building Annex (Winder Building).

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING
Special Facilities Division

SFD Memorandum No. 4
June 24, 1966

EMERGENCY ALERTING PROCEDURES

1. Alerting systems and procedures play an important part in our total preparedness program. The Alert Notification Cascade System is a means by which site personnel are alerted during certain defense conditions, exercises, or telephone tests.

2. The Cascade System will be used to alert personnel, other than guard and fire-force personnel, during non-normal duty hours. During normal duty hours, each agency is responsible for alerting its own personnel.

3. TYPE OF ALERTS.

a. ATLAS Alert - An alert stage implemented when advanced preparedness of the site is desired. This is in response to an actual emergency.

b. ABLE Alert - The exercise equivalent of an "ATLAS" Alert. This is used for exercises only.

c. Telephone Test - A test of cascade procedures and associated communications.

4. PROCEDURES.

a. Alert notification is provided all personnel by one of two means, either the normal telephone system or a radio receiver.

b. Area Principals normally receive alert information by radio receiver and immediately call the site operator to confirm receipt of the information. This insures that the alert information is disseminated by other means in the event a receiver is inoperative or the Area Principal is not home.

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5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. The Chief, Special Facilities Division, or his authorized representative, will declare alerts and tests as required.

b. The Commanding Officer, United States Army Interagency Communications Agency, will:

(1) Prepare and maintain a Cascade System for alerting all site personnel other than guard and fire-force personnel.

(2) Install and maintain alert radio receivers.

(3) Implement alerts and telephone tests upon direction of the Chief, Special Facilities Division, or his authorized representative.

c. The Area Engineer, Western Virginia Area Office, Corps of Engineers, will:

(1) Assure that guard and fire-force personnel are alerted for alerts and tests.

(2) Provide Class A transportation (busses) for personnel to report during ATLAS and ABLE Alerts.

d. During ATLAS and ABLE Alerts, all personnel will:

(1) Complete calls as indicated on their cascade charts.

(2) Report immediately to this installation. Class A transportation or private transportation may be used at the discretion of the individual.

(3) Upon arrival at this installation report directly to emergency duty stations.

(4) Complete and forward Alert Report Forms.

(5) Report all toll calls.

(6) Familiarize themselves with the instructions as contained on the reverse sides of the Alert Report Form and the Cascade Chart.

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5. This memorandum rescinds General Memorandum No. 63-42 (Reissue) dated September 9, 1964.

J. L. Bourassa

J. L. Bourassa, Chief
Special Facilities Division

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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PLANNING

DUTY OFFICER LOG

Date Nov. 9-10, 1965
 Duty hours 1630 to 0300

Duty Officer name Thomas W. Hagan

Your scheduled relief is _____

TIME	REMARKS
1620	Report "on duty" to Communications Center.
1755	Mr. Bourassa called. Regional Director O'Connor had reported power ² power shut off all over Northeast. Mr. B. would get in touch with JCS, Command Post and be back.
1814	Guard called, said alarm light showing in Building 1.
1816	Mr. Bourassa called back; informed alarm light showing.
1825	TCS called, said Washington Swithh had call from Interior Department asking for Interior Duty Officer. Gave Mr. Agnew's home number.
1827	Joined to Charlie Conference in which Mr. Bourassa exchanged views with conferees, said would be back.
1834	Mr. Bourassa called, said had had Charlie Conference and would be back.
1838	Mr. Elliott called for information.
1840	Assistant Director Cosgrove called for information.
1845	Mr. Bourassa called, said had called ^{Able} Atlas alert; instructed me to report immediately to his office in Area B.
1855	Arrived Mr. Bourassa's office.
1856	Mr. Riordan called, said wanted to be connected to Army Supply Center at Niagara Falls Municipal Airport. Called TCS and requested connection; be made but was told TCS was swamped with alert calls and could not at the time.
1905	Rep. Horton called, seeking information. Gave him Mr. O'Connor's number.
1913	Called 5171 to request all AP and UPI copy on blackout by rushed to Mr. Bourassa's office.
1945	Mr. Bourassa instructs Guard to pass word to all in Area A to report to Area B.
	_____ Signature of Duty Officer

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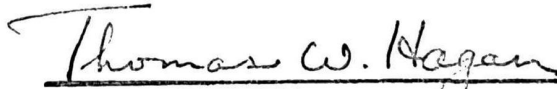
DUTY OFFICER LOG

Date _____

Duty Officer name _____

Duty hours _____

Your scheduled relief is _____

TIME	REMARKS
	Report "on duty" to Communications Center.
2005	Mr. Bourassa went on paging system to explain Atlas. <i>A b/c</i>
2030	Mr. Smith reported total personnel received in facility at 502.
2040	Mr. Bourassa went on paging system to repeat explanation.
2110	Region 2 reports no outage remains in that region.
2130	Mr. Smith reported total personnel received in facility at 605.
2140	Mr. Bourassa went on paging system to repeat explanation.
2328	Mr. Bourassa, upon instruction from Deputy Director Dryden, cancelled <i>A b/c</i> <i>Atlas.</i>
	 Signature of Duty Officer

June 13, 1967

OEP/SFD OPERATIONAL ACTION REPORT ON MIDDLE EAST WAR

CRISIS:

Increased tension and war in the Middle East between Israel and the Arab States from 15 May 1967 to 11 June 1967 when a ceasefire became generally effective among all the belligerents.

SYNOPSIS OF EVENTS:

In the weeks prior to the nineteenth anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel, (15 May 1967), tension began to mount in the Middle East. The tension was associated with increased terrorist attacks (believed to be Syrian) against Israeli settlements along the Syrian border and reported UAR air actions against Saudi Arabia as part of the struggle for control of Yemen.

UAR armed forces were put on a war footing because of mounting Syria-Israel tension. U. N. Secretary General U Thant accepted a demand by President Nasser to withdraw the UNEF from the armistice line between the United Arab Republic and Israel on 18 May 1967. On 23 May, Nasser announced the blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba.

General war broke out between Israel and the United Arab Republic early on 5 June 1967, with the other Arab States submerging their differences with Egypt in order to fight Israel.

The United States announced a policy of neutrality; later modified to non-intervention. Great Britain associated itself with the policy of the United States, calling for UN and Great Power consultations and for the Great Powers to place an embargo on arms shipments to the Middle East. The USSR launched an anti-Israeli propaganda campaign but carefully avoided action that would trigger a spread of the conflict.

The United Nations met, then recessed in order to allow the U. S. and USSR to work out an agreement on a resolution calling for a ceasefire. The issue over the resolution was the Soviet position demanding that Israeli forces, spectacularly successful against Arab land and air forces, be withdrawn to the 1946 armistice line.

President Johnson kept in contact with the Soviet Union via the Hot Line and the issue over the wording of the ceasefire resolution was resolved by the USSR accepting the U. S. position of ceasefire without reference to force withdrawal. The Security Council then adopted unanimously a ceasefire resolution.

The Arab defeat by Israeli military forces resulted in a charge by Nasser, subsequently supported by some of the other Arab States, that the United States and Britain had used their carrier-based planes in support of Israel. The charge, an attempt to explain their decisive defeat by Israel, was followed by severance of diplomatic relations between most of the Arab States and the United States.

Jordan announced acceptance of the ceasefire appeal but the UAR and Syria continued to fight. The UAR (and later Syria) announced acceptance of the ceasefire, although fighting continued until 12 June and the United Nations had to meet in emergency sessions several times in order to get the fighting stopped.

CHRONOLOGICAL OEP/SFD ACTIONS:

- 19 May:
1. UNEF withdrawal from Sinai completed.
 2. Chief, SFD, verbally cautions all supporting staff to watch Middle East developments.
 3. Normal operational duties continued.
- 23 May:
1. UAR blockades Gulf of Aqaba.
 2. Chief, SFD:
 - a. Announced "low key" alert status.
 - b. Directs SFD Section Chiefs; Commanding Officer, USAICA; and Area Engineer, WVAO, to immediately review all emergency operations responsibilities and to be prepared for implementation.
 - c. Directs that a telephone test be conducted at 1800 hours and that a Charlie Conference be held in reserve in case war is declared by Israel or Arabs.

- d. Advises Acting Director, Emergency Operations Office, OEP, by telephone, that SFD is prepared for any eventuality and inquired as to status of possible augmentation staff.
- 3. SFD staff reviewed operational plans and began collection of relevant data for situation reports and briefing requirements.
- 4. Normal operational duties and responsibilities continued.
- 24 May: 1. SFD staff continues preparatory measures and monitoring of
thru all new developments in the Middle East situation.
- 25 May: 2. Normal operational duties and responsibilities continued.
- 1 June: 1. Chief, SFD, informed Federal Agency Representatives at
weekly meeting of current status of Middle East situation
and of preparatory measures that had been taken to date.
- 2. Continued monitoring of all news reports.
- 2 June 1. "Low key" alert status continued due to lack of reduction in
thru Middle East tension.
- 4 June: 2. Informal check on readiness status of SFD Section Chiefs, CO,
USAICA, and Area Engineer made.
- 5 June: 1. SFD Duty Officer informs Chief, SFD, of war actions in Middle
East.
- 2. Chief, SFD:
 - a. Advised OEP Director of Middle East War at 0600 hours;
that no DEFCONS had been declared; that some problems
would be encountered in the evacuation of Americans from
the war area; and that the President had been advised of
current actions.
 - b. Advised Director, Emergency Operations Office of action
taken to inform Director.

- c. Called a Charlie Conference to advise conferees of situation at 0610.
 - d. Calls SFD Staff Meeting and directs Plans and Programs Branch to prepare and present daily a Situation Report on Middle East War.
 - e. Contacted CO, USAICA and WVAO to assure readiness status.
3. SFD staff initiated 24-hour watch on Middle East war; prepared and presented Situation Report to Federal Agency Representatives; sent Situation Report to Director, Emergency Operations Office.
4. Normal operating functions reduced.
- 6 June:
thru
8 June:
- 1. SFD 24-hour watch continued; Situation Report and identification of OEP mission implications prepared and presented to FAR's; Situation Report sent to Director, Emergency Operations Office.
 - 2. Chief and Deputy Chief of SFD maintain informal contact with USAICA and WVAO.
 - 3. 24-hour monitoring of live UN Security Council Meetings.
 - 4. Chief, SFD, advised Director, Emergency Operations Office of UAR capitulation.
 - 5. Normal operating functions continue reduced.
- 9 June
to
date:
- 1. Chief, SFD, directs preparation of Situation Report and briefing be suspended, pending further Middle East developments.
 - 2. Continue monitoring of live TV coverage of Security Council Meetings and other news media.
 - 3. OEP/SFD resumes normal operations and remains alert to possible resumption of crisis conditions in Middle East.
 - 4. Chief, SFD, directs the preparation of report on, and critique of, SFD operations during the Middle East crisis.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

President Johnson announced today that he has accepted the resignation of Edward A. McDermott, Director of the Office of Emergency Planning and that he intends to nominate former Governor Buford Ellington of Tennessee to this post.

McDermott has served as OEP Director since his appointment by President Kennedy in 1962. In this assignment he has been responsible for the coordination of federal plans for civilian emergency operations and for the direction of federal relief action in communities stricken by natural disasters. He was prominent in organizing the rehabilitation effort following the Alaskan earthquake in 1964.

Upon leaving his federal position today, McDermott will become associated with a Washington law firm. Pending Governor Ellington's confirmation by the Senate, Deputy OEP Director Franklin B. Dryden will be acting director for the agency.

Governor Ellington was chief executive of Tennessee from 1959 to 1963. He had previously served for five years as State Commissioner of Agriculture. Ellington, 57, is a resident of Nashville, married to the former Catherine Cheek, and has two children, John Earl and Ann.

BIOGRAPHY OF BUFORD ELLINGTON

Born June 27, 1907, in Holmes County, Mississippi
Attended Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi
Manager, Tennessee Farm Bureau Insurance Company, 1947-1951
Commissioner of Agriculture, State of Tennessee, 1953-1958
Governor of Tennessee, 1959-1963
Chairman, Southern Region Education Board, 1961-1962
Chairman, Southern Governors Conference, 1961-1962
Member, Executive Committee, National Governors Conference, 1961-1962
Vice President, Louisville and Nashville Railroad, 1963
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Children: John Earl and Ann

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January 14, 1966

Dear Buford:

I deeply regret that personal circumstances compel you to leave your post as Director of the Office of Emergency Planning on January 15, 1966.

My personal esteem and real admiration for a superb professional performance make it difficult to accept your letter of resignation. I do so because I understand and respect your decision.

All America is in your debt for the tireless and outstanding contribution you have made to your country's welfare and security. When the alarms have sounded you have answered with a swift and seemingly inexhaustible supply of energy and resourcefulness. Your foresight has left us strong and well-prepared for calamities I pray will never come.

The Governors of all our great States will miss you also. You have won their friendship and respect, and this Administration is grateful for the closeness of those bonds which you bequeath to us.

You are a loyal and devoted American. I know I can call upon you in the challenging years ahead.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Honorable Buford Ellington
Director
Office of Emergency Planning
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THE WHITE HOUSE

President Johnson announced today that he has accepted the resignation of Edward A. McDermott, Director of the Office of Emergency Planning and that he intends to nominate former Governor Buford Ellington of Tennessee to this post.

McDermott has served as OEP Director since his appointment by President Kennedy in 1962. In this assignment he has been responsible for the coordination of federal plans for civilian emergency operations and for the direction of federal relief action in communities stricken by natural disasters. He was prominent in organizing the rehabilitation effort following the Alaskan earthquake in 1964.

Upon leaving his federal position today, McDermott will become associated with a Washington law firm. Pending Governor Ellington's confirmation by the Senate, Deputy OEP Director Franklin B. Dryden will be acting director for the agency.

Governor Ellington was chief executive of Tennessee from 1959 to 1963. He had previously served for five years as State Commissioner of Agriculture. Ellington, 57, is a resident of Nashville, married to the former Catherine Cheek, and has two children, John Earl and Ann.

BIOGRAPHY OF BUFORD ELLINGTON

Born June 27, 1907, in Holmes County, Mississippi
Attended Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi
Manager, Tennessee Farm Bureau Insurance Company, 1947-1951
Commissioner of Agriculture, State of Tennessee, 1953-1958
Governor of Tennessee, 1959-1963
Chairman, Southern Region Education Board, 1961-1962
Chairman, Southern Governors Conference, 1961-1962
Member, Executive Committee, National Governors Conference, 1961-1962
Vice President, Louisville and Nashville Railroad, 1963
Chairman, Cordell Hull Foundation
Married to former Catherine Cheek
Children: John Earl and Ann

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Nomination for ELLINGTON to Senate: 2/1/65

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE COUNCIL
WASHINGTON

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 3, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Space Activities

1. Launches

a. The Soviet Union launched Luna 8 on December 3 in the further development of techniques to soft-land an unmanned craft on the lunar surface. Previous attempts all failed their full purpose.

b. The Soviet Union launched Cosmos 98, a heavy satellite, into low earth orbit November 27. Similar satellites have been recovered after about a week in orbit.

c. A Thor Agena launched two satellites into side-by-side polar orbits November 29. They were Alouette II, a Canadian ionospheric sounder of 320 pounds, and Explorer XXXI, a NASA direct ionospheric measurements satellite of 215 pounds, which also carried a British experiment.

2. Pending Launches

a. Gemini 7, a 14-day endurance flight, is scheduled for launch December 4 and Gemini 6 is scheduled to follow on December 13 for the purpose of rendezvous.

b. NASA plans to launch on December 6 a 135-pound scientific satellite for the French from the Western Test Range. The purpose of this satellite is to study very low frequency radio wave propagation and to measure electron densities.

3. French Satellite. The electronic equipment aboard the French satellite A-1 launched from Algeria November 26 fell silent after a few orbits.

4. Congress

a. A House Government Operations Subcommittee plans to hold hearings early next year on the most appropriate allocation of government research and development funds to meet national goals.

b. The House Space Committee plans to hold a panel session January 25-27 on "Science, Government, and Public Policy." The Secretary

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of the British Ministry of Science and Technology will be the invited foreign participant. The panel hearings will be followed later by executive sessions on major budgetary items for the space program.

c. Early next session, the Senate Space Committee plans to hold hearings on the status of U. S. aeronautical research. The hearing will be preceded by a Library of Congress study of the subject.

5. Surveyor. The long delayed Surveyor lunar soft lander has made its first successful simulated drop. The retro-rockets, designed to slow down the spacecraft, performed as planned.

6. Saturn V. The first stage of the giant Saturn V successfully completed a full duration (2.5 minutes) ground firing and generated 7.5 million pounds thrust.

7. French-Soviet Television. A second broadcast of color television was relayed from Moscow via the Soviet Molniya satellite to the French national TV network November 30.

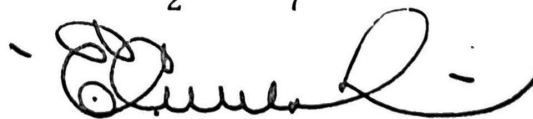
8. Solar Flare Alert. The first of three telescopes to study radiation from the sun is now in operation at NASA's Houston facility. The network will be in full operation early next year with the addition of monitoring points at Grand Canary Island and Canarvon, Australia. The system will help detect and provide warning of solar radiation flares that could endanger the lives of astronauts on deep space missions.

9. "Moon Blink". NASA observed, recorded, and photographed moon color activity in the deep crater Alphonsus, giving some evidence that the moon is not "dead".

10.

Space Payload Success Box Score
(December 3)

	USA		USSR	
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>
Earth Orbit	60	84	35	61
Escape	4	2	2	7



E. C. Welsh

Friday, December 3

Time: 11:45 a. m.