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To: Senior Staff
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Subject: Establishment of the Deep Space Network

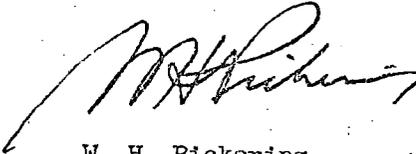
Effective immediately, the Deep Space Network is established by combining the Deep Space Instrumentation Facility, Interstation Communications, and the mission-independent portion of the Space Flight Operations Facility. Development and operation of this network is the responsibility of the Assistant Laboratory Director for Tracking and Data Acquisition by extension of the role statement for this Assistant Director (Office of the Director IOM 200, October 2, 1963).

Funding sources are unchanged for Fiscal 1964 and for the budget submitted by JPL for Fiscal 1965. However, JPL will endeavor to have OTDA and OSSA agree on a single source of funding as quickly as possible.

The interface with mission peculiar facilities and organizations will be worked out between the Assistant Laboratory Director for Tracking and Data Acquisition and the Assistant Laboratory Director for Lunar and Planetary Projects using as a guideline the definition of "mission-independent" as:

1. Required for two or more flight projects.
2. Best handled by JPL and not outside flight project organizations (ARC Pioneer, GSFC-MSFN, LeRC Centaur, etc.).

This change is made in order to accommodate efficiently the increasing number of outside flight projects for which the Jet Propulsion Laboratory has been tasked to supply tracking and data acquisition support. The change should also assist in closer integration of the previously separate facilities.



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