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<p>Dave:</p> <p>Draft of a letter to the Launch Vehicles Panel.</p> <p>Is mid-March alright for a first meeting? Where would you suggest for the first meeting. <u>Huntsville</u> appears to be centrally located to the Cape, Cleveland and D.C.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CIA Statute</p> <p><i>No — See me about this.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CIA Statute</p>			
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Dear Sir:

Your Associate Administrator, Dr. Robert C. Seazans, Jr., recently notified you of your appointment to the CIA-NASA Launch Vehicles Panel. Much of the material to be considered by the panel is especially sensitive, therefore, special security clearances have been requested for you. We hope that all clearances will be certified in time to hold our first meeting by the middle of March 1966.

The first meeting of the Launch Vehicles Panel will be held at

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The agenda for the meeting will first be concerned with the presentation of data available to CIA. The major concern of the panel will be the identification of Soviet launch vehicles, the determination of important characteristics, and the translation of these characteristics into orbital payload capabilities. In this connection, all propulsive stages of vehicles used for ascent to orbit, orbital transfer, and deboost will be considered.

I do not anticipate that you will be asked to perform analysis of intelligence data. Rather, you will be asked to examine the analysis techniques in use, to comment on the validity of these techniques, and to suggest improvements or alternative techniques. Additionally, you will be asked to examine critically the methods in which launch vehicle characteristics and performance are determined, and to suggest modifications and improvements. Finally, it is hoped that through the application of the

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of the panel's varied experience future trends in the development of Soviet launch vehicles may be more accurately predicted.

As soon as all clearances are in hand you will be contacted to arrange a mutually convenient time for the first meeting. I am looking forward to meeting you soon.

David S. Brandwein

Chairman

CIA-NASA Launch Vehicles Panel

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