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July 29, 1966

NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 354

TO: The Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense
The Administrator, National Aeronautics
and Space Administration
The Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

SUBJECT: U. S. Cooperation with the European Launcher
Development Organization (ELDO)

The President has noted the memorandum of July 24, 1966, from the Department of State transmitting the conclusion of the Ad Hoc Committee of the National Aeronautics and Space Council that it is a matter of urgency that we clarify and define our policy with respect to the development of the European Launcher Development Organization (ELDO) and the extent of U. S. cooperation with ELDO's present and future programs.

The President concurs in the overall statement of policy that it is in the U. S. interest to encourage the continued development of ELDO through U. S. cooperation. He further approves the recommendation that in the event that ELDO desires cooperation with the U. S. the Department of State in consultation with NASA, the Department of Defense and other responsible agencies, may make the above policy known to the members of ELDO and to take such specific action in cooperation with the other interested agencies as may be necessary to carry out this policy.

The President has also noted that the Department of State with the assistance and agreement of the members of the Ad Hoc Committee of the National Aeronautics and Space Council has prepared a detailed

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statement defining the nature and extent of U. S. cooperation with ELDO which the U. S. Government is now prepared to extend. He concurs in the desirability of such interdepartmental program development and requests that this statement be continuously reviewed by the responsible agencies to ensure that it is current and responsive in terms of developing circumstances.

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cc: Executive Secretary, National
Aeronautics & Space Council
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for Science and Technology
Special Assistant to the President
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Director, Arms Control and
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