

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 7, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Off-The-Record Meeting - 6:00 p.m., The Mansion,
Monday, July 7, 1958
The President
Senator Lyndon Johnson
(Just the Two)

Immediately following the President's meeting with Senator Lyndon Johnson, the President telephoned me as follows:

He and Senator Johnson had discussed the legislation to set up the space agency and had agreed upon the major elements of its contents. They had specifically agreed upon the President's proposal of modeling the advisory group along the lines of the National Security Council: that the authority would be placed with the President and that he would have an advisory group of some eight members, at least three of whom would come from outside the Federal Government. Senator Johnson accepted this concept and agreed to work for its inclusion in the bill.

The President and Senator Johnson further discussed the defense reorganization bill and came to some general agreements as to its contents. They decided that Mr. Harlow would work out the details of the space bill and that I would get more into the matter of working out the defense reorganization bill -- particularly, working with Senator Russell.

The President indicated that his conversation with Senator Johnson was very satisfactory.




Wilton B. Persons

The Deputy Assistant to the President