

27 July 1970

MEMO TO: Marcel Verstraete

FROM : V. E. Lally

SUBJECT: Mother GHOST Test Flights in November.

We have not yet ordered the 70-ft balloons to be flown from Christchurch in November since we wish to evaluate the attachment modification which will be used on the second flight on 4 August. It was obvious on our first abortive flight test that a balloon with almost 300 lbs of lift prior to picking up the load creates impossible problems for manual handling. From Christchurch we will have to have a cocoon launch. It does not seem feasible to inflate the balloon inside the hangar and walk it out. We will have to have the balloon lined up outside prior to inflation and will require very positive means of containing the balloon while the protective cover is being slit. I would like to discuss this with you when we meet on Ascension Island. In the meantime, I would appreciate it if you would consider various possibilities for handling the inflation and launch.

End of Memo

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