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is little saving to be made in the over-all cost of the program by stretching it out over time. Even if it seemed likely that operational use would be delayed beyond the spring of 1962 by policy considerations, it would be desirable to achieve the earliest feasible first flight so as to allow the maximum opportunity for the flight testing and check out of the vehicle and its sub-systems. Basically, of course, the reason for urgency is the desire to have a capability in hand at the earliest practicable date whatever the ultimate use of the capability.

6. Funding for FY-1961 is completely arranged within existing budgets.

7. The major precaution that would seem to be called for under present circumstances is the strictest possible security to conceal the fact that this program is in progress. To that end,

Whether or not this particular step is taken, all witting individuals are being reminded of their security obligations.

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