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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 144

TO: The Vice President, (as Chairman, National Aeronautics and Space Council)  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Secretary of Commerce  
Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Agency  
Director, Bureau of the Budget  
Director, Office of Emergency Planning

SUBJECT: Assignment of Highest National Priority to the APOLLO Manned Lunar Landing Program

In response to a recommendation by the National Aeronautics and Space Council, which approved a proposal by the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Agency, the President under the authority granted by the Defense Production Act of 1950 today established the program listed below as being in the highest national priority category for research and development and for achieving operational capability:

APOLLO (manned lunar landing program, including essential spacecraft, launch vehicles, and facilities).

*McGeorge Bundy*  
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Information Copy to:  
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By *msm* NARS, Date *5/1/79*

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