

level of production, it is necessary to reorder the equipment at the present time. The leadtimes are shown on the next chart on the left-hand side (ML 67-5917, fig. 33) and in some cases we are past the long-lead procurement point, in fact. We have, in fact, placed orders for portions of the Apollo and Saturn I vehicles. We are in the process of having to place orders for long-lead-time procurement on Apollo-Saturn V, and the command and service modules, in order to provide the opportunity, if you approve the President's budget, to proceed on the production of these vehicles.

Now, in conclusion, I would like to say something about the Apollo Applications program and particularly to try to answer where the Apollo Applications program merits your support at this time (ML 67-5971, fig. 34). I believe there are many reasons, but some of them are as follows: It will maintain the orderly pace of our progress in the space age at a time when there may be opportunities to move ahead of the Soviets in space achievement.

It will guard against the possibility of technological surprise by supporting the continued advancement of an industrial technology.

I think that both of these points were made in a different way by the Vice President last evening. He did stress the importance to the Nation of a vigorous space program. It will maintain the forward momentum that space technology has given our competitive position in the world marketplace.

It will support the broad base of research and development vital to our security as a nation. It will avoid the waste, the dissipation of space capability assembled in painstaking fashion over a period of a decade. It will hold open the opportunity to return direct benefits to man on earth in the next phase of space activity, maintaining the momentum achieved thus far.

APOLLO SPACECRAFT PROCUREMENT

STATUS AS OF FEB. 25, 1967

SPACECRAFT	BLOCK DESIGN- ATION	USED	ASSEMBLY COMPLETED	IN FABRI- CATION AND ASSEMBLY	ORDERED BUT NOT YET IN FABRICATION	LONG LEAD PROCURE- MENT	TOTAL
COMMAND MODULE	BLOCK I	3	3	—	—	—	6 BLOCK I
	BLOCK II	—	2	7	3	3	15 BLOCK II GRAND TOTAL=21
SERVICE MODULE	BLOCK I	3	3	—	—	—	6 BLOCK I
	BLOCK II	—	2	7	3	3	15 BLOCK II GRAND TOTAL=21
LUNAR MODULE		—	3	4	8	—	GRAND TOTAL=15