

**MSFC
SATURN APOLLO
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MANPOWER PLAN**

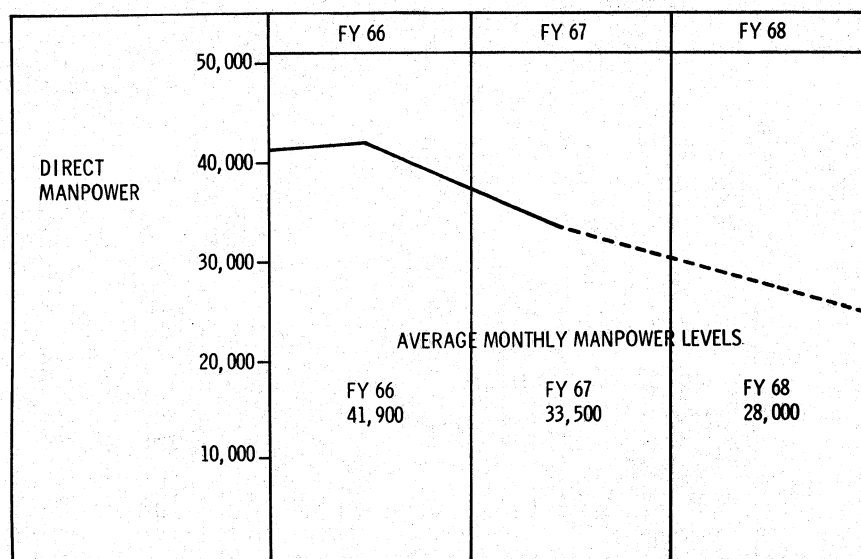


FIGURE 59

In conclusion (fig. 61), our confidence is quite high with regard to the uprated Saturn I program. The vehicle is qualified, and we hope that the perturbations and requirements resulting from the AS-204 accident will be rather routine engineering changes that will not seriously delay the program.

With regard to Saturn V, we plan to launch the first vehicle in the second quarter of this calendar year. I have discussed some of its major problems with you. We feel that to some extent our second stage is showing signs of improvement; we look forward to the first flight second stage being stacked in the AS-501 at KSC later this month.

We are proceeding with the initial steps for refurbishment of the Beta III Test Stand at Sacramento which was damaged by the third stage explosion. Estimates run about three-quarters of a million dollars for repair of this facility.

Our funding level, as contained in the President's budget while not as much as requested, should be adequate. Adequate that is, if no major failures or technical problems are encountered.

Of course, we are always subject to our funding being reprogrammed from Washington. Over the past year or so, by coordinating with headquarters and paring our programs, we have reprogrammed about