

May 7, 1964

## MEMORANDUM TO THE FILES

FROM: M. A. Melkanoff

Re: Request for access to UCLA  
 Computing Facility by Professor  
C. Y. L u, Engineering Department.

The proposed research in this project is a continuation of work carried out over the past several years by Mr. Minovich, a graduate student in Mathematics. Mr. Minovich has developed on his own, techniques for computing interplanetary projectories. Some of his work has been carried out at JPL and much of it was done at UCLA. These calculations have earned Mr. Minovich high praise both at JPL and at UCLA where he received recently a prize for a paper he presented.

After discussing continuation of this work with Professor Tompkins, it was decided to encourage it by allowing time on a stand-by basis to this problem. It was also decided to place the project under the sponsorship of a UCLA faculty member whose field of interest covers this work. Professor L u has accepted the position of Principal Investigator.

Mr. Minovich had initially asked for 130 hours of computer time but after discussing with Mr. L u, Mr. Fischer and myself, he cut this request to 50 hours, thus, limiting the scope of his project. The computing facility will approve this project only as a stand-by problem and, therefore, does not guarantee that the requested time would be made available within any specified period. Mr. Minovich has completed his programs. He will submit his jobs on a stand-by basis and keep us informed of the progress of his calculations.

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