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The following space items are recommended for insertion in the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division Chronology for calendar year 1959:

- 16 Apr 59 By ARPA Order 38-59, Amendment No. 3, Phase I of the MIDAS Development Plan (FY 59 \$20.2M) was approved. Program objective strongly reoriented to give priority to quantitative scientific and engineering data, with objective to predict success or failure of an operational alarm system, improvement and design.
- 1 May 59 AFBMD submitted DISCOVERER Development Plan dated 30 April to Mr. Malcolm A. MacIntyre, Under Secretary of the Air Force. Major change over earlier 1 January plan was addition of ten flights, making a total of 25 flights.
- 8 May 59 Mr. M. A. MacIntyre, Under Secretary of the Air Force, requested that the Secretary of Defense designate the Air Force as service responsible for operational employment and utilization of the MIDAS system.
- 20 May 59 Amendment No. 4, ARPA Order 48-59 approved DISCOVERER Development and Funding plan dated 30 April 1959, on the 25-vehicle program. Funds were increased from \$104.3M to \$121.9M.
- 15 Aug 59 OSD ARPA Msg, DEF 963871, established 10 flight MIDAS R&D program with FY 60 ceiling of \$46.9 million.
- 20 Oct 59 ARDC msg, RDRRB-20-10-1-E, quotes Memo from Sec of AF to Chief of Staff, 13 Oct 59, directing that all SAMOS/MIDAS and DISCOVERER actions be handled in AFBMC framework.

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