



**ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.**

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, BALLISTIC MISSILE DIVISION  
AIR RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT COMMAND**

**SUBJECT: Presidential Approval of ARPA Projects**

A memorandum dated 7 April 1958 from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Air Force forwarded for information and guidance a copy of the President's memorandum to the Secretary of Defense dated 24 March 1958, in which the President approved the project now identified as ARPA Order No. 2-58 dated 27 March 1958. A copy of the President's memorandum dated 24 March 1958 is attached.

Under the policy approved by the President, ARPA will have complete financial responsibility and program control for projects assigned to ARPA and this policy prohibits the alteration, extension or duplication of the scope of ARPA projects through direct utilization of service funds for such purposes. Under this policy it is intended that indirect, non-reimbursable support shall be provided to ARPA in the same manner and to the same extent as is the case for other tasks performed by your activity for other customers. The application of your normal practice should be reflected in the development and fiscal plans to be submitted in compliance with the terms of ARPA Order No. 2-58.

  
Roy W. Johnson  
Director

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Cpy of President's memo  
dtd 24 March 1958

cc: Secretary of the Air Force

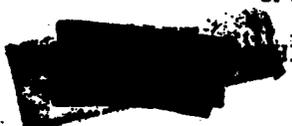
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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March 24, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

I hereby approve the advanced space projects set forth in the attachment to your memorandum to me of March 19, 1958 (copy attached), subject, "Proposed ARPA Projects." I do so with the understanding that when and if a civilian space agency is created, these projects will be subject to review to determine which would be under the cognizance of the Department of Defense and which under the cognizance of the new agency

My approval is subject also to the provision that any further funds for the carrying out of these projects will be provided by ARPA, and that the Services will not add funds of their own. I desire that the identity of these projects as ARPA projects be maintained throughout.

(signed)  
Dwight Eisenhower

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Incl to memo  
dtd Apr 17, 1958  
from Roy W. Johnson

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