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SAMOS Management

MEMO FOR RECORD

1. A meeting was held this date at 1500 with General Wilson, General Strong (CIA) and General Curtin present to discuss the matter of CIA-STL participation in the SAMOS program.

2. General Wilson described the situation wherein the Air Force was being pressed to drastically change its SAMOS management by DOD and other agencies, being told that unless we do, we will lose participation in the program.

3. General Strong clearly made the point that the CIA thought it would be a mistake to take the management away from the USAF and that the CIA was not advocating this.

4. With regard to whether the CIA had a contract with STL on this program, Gen Strong said that they had queried all parts of the CIA and no such arrangement with STL had been made by any CIA group.

5. General Strong mentioned that Aerospace Corporation (Dr. Getting) had asked through Dr. Fubini (who Dr. Getting has asked to assist him in determining how Aerospace will assist BMD in SAMOS) that the CIA furnish him (Dr. Getting) the services of two CIA personnel (names not clear) to assist Dr. Fubini in his review. Gen. Strong indicated the CIA was reluctant to do this at this time since it might influence the management decision matter now being examined by Dr. Kistiakowsky.

6. Gen. Wilson explained to Gen. Strong how the Air Force proposed to be fully responsive to all agencies in their management of SAMOS through a "Mr. SAMOS" at BMD and effective Air Staff management reacting to top level direction from all agencies (CIA, NASA, DOD, PEAC, etc).

7. The meeting ended at 1520 hours.

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