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MR. McDONALD;

1. Suggest you call [REDACTED]. Inform [REDACTED] of the status of the extended life CORONA--i. e., in my discussions with Dr. Flax he indicated he had not yet made up his mind to implement the CORONA extended life, while we were under direction we had received from [REDACTED] to proceed. Since that time, I have authorized the extension of the qualification that had help up both on software and the H timer brush bounce, some [REDACTED] worth of work. We do not wish to be out of step, but I do not feel we should proceed with the original [REDACTED] direction since I was given clear understanding by Flax that the matter is in abeyance. Suggest you ask [REDACTED] for further guidance.
2. At 3:00 I am meeting with [REDACTED] on tape recorders. Is it advisable to discuss this requirement (which is a requirement as we see it but not necessarily coordinated with [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] at this time, and dollars thereto?
3. No action is being taken on PIBs by either the SPO or [REDACTED]. I had suggested to Flax that the costs seemed to be excessive to the value received, and he agreed. It's a back-burner item though at some time we may be directed to proceed. At present time, he could not be available before CR-9, if then.
4. Flax indicated that messages he had received from us purported to convey the information that the penalties for reordering more CORONAS was such that the decision could be deferred until FY-69. Be sure of the facts on that situation and indicate to [REDACTED] that while feasible there certainly is a price differential, and that may be at least in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.
5. We should proceed at once prior to [REDACTED] negotiating with GE on the SRV's with clearing with the [REDACTED] office to insure that they would be responsive to our needs for bucket type items, calendar life limited, such as ceilings, and for engineering support services during the life of the C Program.

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