

# DISPOSITION FORM

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SUBJECT

RDGB Diary Items for Week ending 20 January 1956

TO Western Development  
Division  
ATTN: WDGE

FROM RDGB

DATE 24 Jan 56  
Lt Col Oder/lf/58

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16 January 1956

1. Received a call from Colonel Ahola asking if we had seen the report on rocket engines due this date into OSD. A subsequent check with Colonel Glasser (here on TDY) disclosed that he had the report; it was subsequently signed off by General Power and handcarried to AFDDC-A on 17 January.

2. Together with Colonel Glasser, Colonel Pellegrini, Colonel Genes, Dr. Lombard, and Mr. Coons participated in a briefing to General Power on the Preliminary Development Plan (Initial Test Phase) for WS 117L.

3. Was advised by General Power that the subject of the utilization of the Alpha II test stand had been raised in DCS/D, Headquarters USAF. He feels that this is not their concern, since the decision was a proper one to be made within AFDC. I assured him that the only information I had passed to the WDD Liaison Office was that a decision had been made regarding the Alpha II test stand and that it was my impression that the controversy arose from the intervention of certain officers in the Air Staff who did not agree with the decision which they had learned about from other than RDGB.

4. Passed to RDST for action the TMX from Headquarters USAF requesting a comprehensive report on the utilization and development of AFMTC through 1960. Subsequently advised WDD of the TMX and sent out a copy by airmail.

17 January 1956

1. Wrote a memorandum to General Schriever on WS 107A and WS 315A contractual findings and determinations in reference to a memorandum to me from Mr. Miedel, RDSK.

2. Received a DF from RD2G regarding a letter on guided missiles from CinCSAG. Furnished certain information to WDD on this letter by TMX, with a copy of the letter to follow.

3. Sent to General Power a copy of the TMX and 1st indorsement from AFMTC to General Power's letter of 23 December regarding AFDC as the Air Force point of contact for establishing policies and procedures concerning the IRBM programs.

4. Advised General Sessums regarding General Schriever's decision concerning the possible use of Colonel Kime as the WDD Liaison Officer to ABMA, Redstone Arsenal. General Sessums subsequently wrote a letter to General Medaris advising him that Colonel Kime will not be available for reassignment for some time, since he had been only a short time at his present station.

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5. Forwarded to General Power for signature a proposed indorsement to AFGCM regarding the expansion of WS 107A contact points and liaison officers to include WS 315A.

6. Forwarded to General Power for signature proposed 1st indorsement to WDD letter containing Proposed Military Characteristics for WS 315A. ✓

7. Was advised by Colonel Holzman, RDTDW, that General Sessums desired to know whether a possible assignment existed by Colonel Leo<sup>B</sup>. Skinner, 2560A, within WDD. Unless otherwise diverted, Colonel Skinner who has considerable R&D background and professional education was shortly to go overseas in a position where his background will be given only limited utilization. I talked to Colonel Skinner and subsequently called Colonel Terhune (who knew Skinner at AFSWC) and upon his advise suggested to General Sessums that Colonel Skinner be considered for assignment as Deputy to Colonel Cooper at AFMTC.

18 January 1956

1. Sent TWX to WDD regarding TWX from GINCSAC, DPLTS 0026.

2. Received coordination from General Landon on the draft memorandum for record concerning the 3 January meeting with the Army and Navy. Only minor changes were made.

3. Coordinated on proposed HOI regarding technical reports. In the proposed HOI, WDD is specifically exempt from the proposed system.

19 January 1956

1. Sent a memorandum to General Power regarding a memorandum from Colonel Ballweg in the office of the ASAF (R&D) to DCS/D dated 28 December regarding British Liaison Officer .

2. Sent a memorandum to General Power inclosing a copy of General Rawlings letter to Headquarters USAF on the Martin-Denver proposal. Advised General Power that the matter was still in the Mr Staff for resolution.

20 January 1956

1. Received a call from Colonel Williams, AFGCM, concerning a proposed Headquarters USAF TWX concerning visits to WDD and AFMTC. This TWX is in response to General Power's TWX of 4 January requesting this action. Subsequently coordinated the draft Headquarters USAF TWX with General Power and members of the Headquarters

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ARDC staff and made a few minor changes and additions to the proposed TWI; advised Colonel Williams of the changes.

2. Attended the Commander's staff meeting and the staff meeting of the Deputy Commander for Resources.

3. Advised regarding the proposed Headquarters USAF action on the British Liaison Officer (see item 1, 19 January); on the submission of the WS 117L plan (see item 2, 16 January); and of the proposed meeting between General Schriever, General Yates, and General Medaris at AFMTC on 1 February 1956 on instrumentation requirements.

4. At the direction of General Power sent a copy of the draft of memorandum for record on the 3 January 1956 meeting with the Army and Navy to General Brentnall.

5. Pursuant to a telephone call received from General Schriever regarding the film to be used in the Congressional briefings on the WS 107A and WS 315A arranged to put Colonel Perry in touch with General Power (Major Griffin was doubtful that General Power would have time to review the film). Later advised Colonel Perry of the arrangements made in this matter.

6. Visited by Colonel Roberts and Lt Colonel Ryhlick from the Directorate of Management Analysis, Headquarters USAF, and advised that the Director of Management Analysis, General Cecil, had written a memorandum to General Brentnall which proposed management analysis participation in the WS 107A program. The purpose of the visit was to acquaint RDGB with what AFAMA was proposing to present to WDD. I made no commitments to AFAMA representatives and subsequently discussed their visit with General Schriever. He indicated that they might visit WDD in the last two weeks of February. I have so advised the AFAMA representatives via Colonel Elrick of the ARDC Comptroller's office.

  
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