

WEEKLY DIARY ITEMS - LBZS

27 August Thru 2 September 59

(U) Communication Satellite Program

On 26 August, ARPA approval was received of the Evaluation Board findings. General Electric (Missile and Space Vehicle Department) is the successful offeror. Announcement of the selection was made in a DGD press release 26 August, and a confirmation letter to the unsuccessful offerors will be sent out this week. LBZS and General Electric have decided that it is mutually advantageous to start with a definitive contract rather than a letter contract. A schedule has been set up so that all negotiations will be completed by 26 September. In the interim, General Electric will be covered by an anticipatory cost clause in the definitive contract. If negotiations bog down, we will immediately issue a letter contract.

(U) Missile Valve Test Services

Finalization of T and M Contract AF 04(647)-398 with Wyle Laboratories may now be accomplished by virtue of favorable comments from both the ACO and LBFF. However, it will not be forwarded for initial review until a controversy is resolved in the initial review of Contract AF 04(647)-397 with Stellation Laboratories, which has been in initial review since 19 August. This controversy seems to revolve around the wording of some clauses and should be resolved this week. Meanwhile, we have received two Test Directives from the BMD Project Officer and four more are in process. The status of these contracts is becoming increasingly critical because the PR is seven months old and the requirements for valve testing are piling up.

(U) Letter Contract AF 04(647)-449 Aeronutronics System - Program 609A

The Contractor has completed Phase II of the 609A Program by submitting the Program Test Plan as scheduled on 1 September 1959. Based upon Air Force approval of the test plan by 15 September 1959 the contractor has indicated that a firm cost proposal will be submitted by 26 September.

(U) Contracts with Space Technology Laboratories, Inc.

Contract AF 04(647)-361 with Space Technology Laboratories (SE/TD) Tires, Transit, Courier and Communication Satellite) STL's proposal 26-44 was received in LBZS 27 August. This proposal covers Projects Transit 1b and Courier 1a and 1b. This proposal 26-44, in conjunction with 26-29, covers all the work to be performed under this letter contract AF 04(647)-361 except the Communication Satellite effort. The Communication Satellite will probably be covered by a different contract. Request for comments have been made to the Project Office, the ACO and LBFF, but a definitization schedule has not yet been accomplished.

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Contract AF 04(647)-302 Able 3-4 (NASA HS-6). Negotiations of cost overrun and CCM #1 have been delayed because of contractor inability to supply necessary back-up information to their cost proposal. Pending submission by the Contractor of requested back-up information no further meetings have been scheduled.

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Letter Contract AF 04(647)-369 Project Mercury. Discussions relative to contract work statement and method of contracting for this program. Agreement has been reached that a level of effort concept will be utilized, similar to AF 04(647)-309. Substantial progress is being made in reaching an agreement on an appropriate contract work statement. Depending on whether the final work statement is agreed to, negotiation of estimated cost and fee is tentatively scheduled to begin on 8 September.

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(U) Long Range R&D Valve Program

No new development during this period.

(U) ANW-62 Command Destruct Receivers

No new development during this period.

(U) Photographic Laboratory, Vandenberg Air Force Base

The PR for the photographic laboratory has been increased to \$625,000 to cover the proposed contract for the laboratory. Air Photographic Charting Service has informed WDCA that the Obligation Authority providing the \$25,000 increase will be sent during the week of 1 September 1959. The FP Contract for the laboratory will be presented to Technicolor for signature this week.

(U) Titan Missile Display

The Martin Company conditioned their signature of the contract by taking a number of exceptions to the work statement as well as some of the terms and conditions contained in the contract. We expect to negotiate and resolve these exceptions with Martin prior to 10 September 1959.