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MEMORANDUM TO COMMANDER TRUAX
THRU: WDT

17 JULY 1956

SUBJECT: WEAPON SYSTEM 117L

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE QUESTIONS POSED BY THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE AFTER THE WS 117L PRESENTATION ON THE 16TH OF JULY 1956. THESE QUESTIONS INVOLVED FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT DURING FY 1957.

2. IT IS REALIZED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN IS BASED ON A COMPLETED WEAPON SYSTEM CONCEPT AT AN EARLY DATE AND IS CONGENUOUS WITH AND TIED TO THE AVAILABILITY OF BOOSTERS AND COMPONENTS OF THE 107A PROJECT. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT AT SOME FUTURE DATE, THERE WILL BE INTERFERENCE WITH THE ICBM PROGRAM IF THE 117L IS PROJECTED ON A FULL-OUT BASIS. THIS INTERFERENCE FACTOR IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ALL THOSE CONCERNED WITH THE ICBM PROGRAM. ACCORDINGLY, WE SHOULD BE MORE DEFINITIVE AND REALISTIC IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT CAN BE SPENT IN ANY FISCAL YEAR AND THE INTERFERENCE GENERATED IN THE ICBM PROGRAM THROUGH THIS EFFORT.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT WE IMMEDIATELY PREPARE A FUND BREAKDOWN BY INDIVIDUAL PROJECT FOR THE ENTIRE 1957 FISCAL YEAR ESTIMATE. NAMELY, WE SHOULD ESTABLISH A LISTING OF PROJECTS BY PRIORITY AND DOLLARS FOR THE \$37 MILLION REQUIRED IN 1957. FROM THIS LISTING, WE CAN THEN DETERMINE HOW MUCH OF THE WORK CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH VARIOUS AMOUNTS OF MONEY AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT. AT SOME POINT IN THIS SCHEDULE, WE SHOULD GIVE AN INDICATION OF THE DEGREE OF INTERFERENCE WITH THE ICBM PROGRAM.

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