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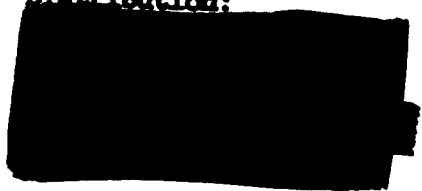
MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
SUBJECT: Committee to Review DISCOVERER Program

Attached ANPA memorandum dated 3 August 1959, subject "Review of DISCOVERER Program", is transmitted for your information and retention.


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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, AIR FORCE BALLISTIC MISSILE DIVISION
IRVINGWOOD, CALIFORNIA

SUBJECT: Review of DISCOVERER Program

The Advanced Research Projects Agency is setting up a committee to review the DISCOVERER Program. This committee will consider all aspects of the present DISCOVERER Program and presently planned or programmed future developments. The basic objective of this review is to provide guidance to the Advanced Research Projects Agency for future programming and funding decisions. A second objective is to provide recommendations on changes or additions to the present program that will improve the overall probability of success.

The chairman of this committee will be [REDACTED] of the ANPA/IDA staff. The committee will consist of [REDACTED] ANPA/IDA; [REDACTED] ANPA/CSS; [REDACTED] ANPA/CSS; and Mr. Eugene Klefer, ANPA Consultant.

The initial action of this committee will be to review the rocket propulsion on the DISCOVERER satellite vehicles. It is desired that this review be at the Ball Rocket Development Plant in Niagara Falls on August 11. This review will consider static test and flight test performance, reliability tests, future improvements and capabilities, and any other aspects deemed appropriate by the Air Force, the contractor, or ANPA. It is requested that the Ball Corporation be informed of this review by AFMSO.

Subsequent reviews will take place at the Douglas Aircraft Corporation for the Thor booster, and at the Lockheed Missile and Space Division for the remainder of the DISCOVERER system.

John E. Clark
Rear Adm., USN
Acting Director

COORDINATION:

Prepared by: [REDACTED]
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