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SUBJECT: Control of the ARGCE Program - Agency Responsibilities

- 1. In accordance with the convergations enong representatives of ARPA, CIA and the Department of the Army, this memorandum sets forth the relationships between these agencies in the direction and control of ARROW, and these agencies relationships to program contractors.
- 2. In order to obtain maximum security it is assential that CIA exercise control of ARCH: this control to range from complete control in such areas as security and cover to joint control with ARPA in other areas such as the direction of the technical aspects of the project.
- 3. Since the Army is the major, if not the primary, customer for whose benefit ASGCH will be conducted, errangements have been initiated to establish under ARPA cover, an Army Map Service Technical Staff which will support ARPA program management. This staff will contribute its initiative and competence through the ARPA Project Hanager, and Assistant Project Hanager who will work closely with appropriate CIA representatives.
- 4. To fulfill the Army's requirements performance specifications will be furnished by ARPA to CIA and these agencies will jointly select one or more prime contractors through which the detailed technical direction of the ARGON program will be accomplished.
- 5. The prime contractor or contractors will be charged under contract by CIA with the responsibility for performance of engineering work as required by the ARGON system as a whole, and for providing appropriate direction to insure the technical adequacy of various components, subsystems, and facilities required in the development of the ARGON system as well as for necessary ground equipment, including that for data processing. The prime contractor or contractors will also be responsible, except as limited below, for resolution of all technical controversies arising during development of the ARGON system, including the problem of psyloed integration, and for the technical direction of the research, development, and production efforts of all sub-contractors. The prime contractor or contractors will conduct analytical studies, and with the essistence of the sub-contractors will provide the specifications and other data as may be

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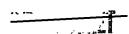
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required to completely define the ARGON payload system characteristics. These will include: system specifications, oritoria and requirements for major subsystems, trajectories and guidance equations, power and interface specifications, maintenance of reliability performance and accuracy estimates, weight, and balance.

- 6. CIA will closely follow the development of the program and will keep AEPA fully edvised of technical programs. Whenever problems of a technical nature arise including disegreements among contractors or interface problems of a technical nature involving possible compromise to the attainment of project objectives, or which may involve interference with the establishment of fully effective physical integration of vehicles and psylonds, CIA will consult with AEPA and the two agancies will jointly agree on appropriate solutions. In this namer it is contemplated that AEPA and CIA will emercise joint control over technical matters in the conduct of the program.
- 7. In other areas, responsibilities during procurement will be as follows:

a. CIA Berponsibilities

- (1) Becarity and Cover All sepects of security control and cover in the conduct of the program are the responsibility of CIA.
- (2) Contractual Authority Contractual authority under negotiated contracts shall vest solely in the authorized CIA contracting officer. This officer will negotiate and execute letter orders and contracts as required, including change orders for delivery of the required supplies and services. The policies and procedures to be followed in connection with such contracts shall be the same policies and procedures in effect on CIA contracts for similar procurements. Requirements set forth by the Armed Services Procurement Regulations shall be complied with to the greatest extent possible consistent with the unique security considerations inherent in procurements undertaken by CIA.
- (3) Payment, Inspections, Acceptance and Audit CIA will accomplish necessary administrative procedures and make payments under the contracts as required in a secure number. CIA will establish in conjunction with ARFA a system of inspection and acceptance, and will sevenge with the contractors and a special Air Force sudit group for sudit of contracts as may be required. These sudit reports shall not enter the Army sudit system but shall be furnished directly to CIA.



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b. ARPA Responsibilities - In addition to those set forth above, ARPA will:

- (1) Furnish the funds messensy for the program.
- (2) Furnish any Government furnished property required for effective performance of the contract work.
- 8. Operations On the operational phase of the program responsibilities will be as follows:
 - a. The CIA-DED Control Center will be the central location for operational control.
 - b. The ANGON launches will be handled by the Palo Alto Control Center. Recovery procedures in effect for DISCOVERY will be used for ANGON. Courier service to the processing center will be the same.
 - a. IMD will be fully responsible for operations at Vandenberg and acceptance of psylonds. ARGON psylonds would be handled and assembled at a secure facility designated by CIA.
 - d. Political approvals for ANGH launches will be the responsibility of CIA, and DCD support with ARPA providing technical justification for flights.



