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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Special Projects  
SUBJECT: Z Program Weekly Report No. 16  
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1. Contractor activities completed this week:

a. Imaging Satellite

(1) A group from NPIC including [redacted] visited Headquarters on 3 November for a briefing on the Z System. The briefing basically consisted of a system overview of Z with particular emphasis on output imagery. It was well received and all questions were answered. A copy of the Ampex report has been sent to John Hicks.

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(2) On 27 October [redacted] and [redacted] of LMSC presented a program status briefing to [redacted] BOB, and [redacted] presented the LMSC organization and defined the company's support of the program. Configuration A of the I/S segment was emphasized in the briefing rather than the total System Definition Phase I work package. [redacted] questions were generally related to the effect on cost that would result from a reduction of the requirements, e.g., the number of required targets, agility requirements. [redacted] attended the briefing. A trip report is being prepared.

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(3) On 29 October Messrs [redacted] of TBC presented a program status briefing to [redacted] and [redacted] identified company support and defined the Boeing interpretation of the Phase I effort.

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[redacted] discussed system trades and the status of their system design. [redacted] concluded the presentation with the identification of some of the analytical tools Boeing has put together to aid the design work scheduling. [redacted] questions were basically patterned after those asked in the LMSC meeting. According to Mr. [redacted] this was the best of the two contractors' briefings he had heard. [redacted] attend the briefing. A trip report is being prepared.

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(4) The following meetings were held between the I/S and P/F contractors and Ampex Corp. in Redwood City, Calif:

- 3 November - GE, LMSC, NAR, TBC
- 4 November (PM) - CD
- 5 November (AM) - RCA
- 5 November (PM) - LTV

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[redacted] monitored the meetings with [redacted] of Aerospace. Results will be supplied in the next weekly report.

(5) C. Roth was at the Pentagon on 5 November for a meeting with [redacted] (Comptroller/NRO). This meeting will be reported on in a separate memorandum.

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b. Relay Satellite

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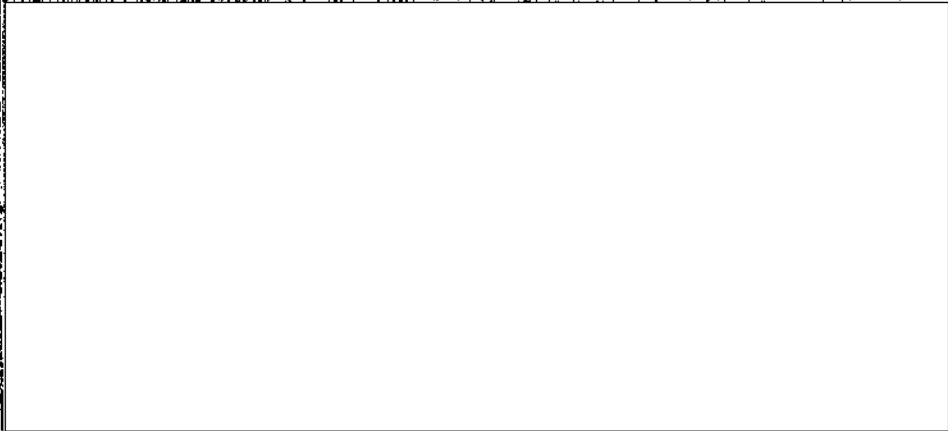
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c. Processing Facility

(1) RCA was at Headquarters on 6 November to discuss longitudinal magnetic digital tape recorders. The results of this meeting will be covered in next week's report.

(2) The following interface meetings were held:

- 3 November - TBC at LTV
- 4 November - LTV at GE
- 5 November - GE at GD
- 6 November - RCA at LMSC

LTV indicated that the meeting with TBC was beneficial.

LTV reported that the meeting with GE was extremely profitable and a very good working relationship existed between the two contractors.

Results on the other meetings will be reported next week.

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b. Relay configuration options

c. RCA tape recorder status

5. Personnel staffing items:

a. Two personnel applicants were interviewed by the Program Office during the week.

b. Of the ten personnel applicants interviewed during the preceding three weeks, two appear to be viable candidates for FY 71 assignment to the Program Office.

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