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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

*OK. - in the interim
I have reviewed the
Directive establishing the*

15 May 1968 NRO

*and believe
that we do not
need to formally
comply with DOD Dir*

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. FLAX

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of HEXAGON Optical Test Equipment
to be Installed at the LMSC Sunnyvale Facility

4275.5

*for any
facility, except
where it*

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Optical-vacuum test equipment is needed at Sunnyvale in order to conduct total system tests in accordance with the factory-to-pad procedure recently agreed upon by the SPO and the SSSPO.

effects

You asked if approval of this installation would require Findings and Determination like that required for the DORIAN facility at EK (DORIAN Findings and Determination is attached at TAB A).

*a
statutory
limitation*

BACKGROUND

The DOD Directive concerning approval procedures for industrial facilities (attached at TAB B) states on page 10 that "Facility project approvals are not required under this Directive for severable special test equipment or its general purpose components...". General Martin has submitted a request for approval of this installation (see TAB C), and he states that this equipment is severable special test equipment. The definition of special test equipment is on page 4 of TAB B.

*or
agreement
with a
Congressional
Committee.*

General Martin also requests that the FY 69 HEXAGON budget approval be increased by \$3,100,000 to cover the installation.

*To
be sure
of the
latter,
informal
consultation
is
sometimes
needed
etc*

DISCUSSION

Since the installation consists of severable special test equipment, approval of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (I&L) and the Director of Defense Research and Engineering is not required.

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RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached message to General Martin approving this installation and informing him that the FY 69 budget approvals will be increased by \$3, 100, 000.



ALBERT W. JOHNSON
Major, USAF

WITH RESPECT TO YOUR QUESTION ON CONTRACTING,
SP NOW SAYS THIS WILL BE HANDLED AS BLACK,
ALTHO THE FIN PLAN SHOWED WHITE.



P.S.

A review of all NRP facility approvals shows that we have never used a findings and determination except for the Dorian facility at EK.

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