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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussions with Mr. Plummer Regarding Film
Readout HEXAGON

Colonel Wheeler, [] and myself discussed with Mr. Plummer the West Coast proposal for funding of a film readout HEXAGON study. Mr. Plummer indicated that he did not wish to provide Program Office A with additional funds for the study, but that they could proceed on a low level within their approved funding. Mr. Plummer endorsed their efforts to look at options for ways to go in this area.

Mr. Plummer indicated that he would like to be able to report in the November 1975 ExCom that studies at a low funding level were underway, looking at the film readout HEXAGON for the purpose of assisting in decisions to be made later.

[] indicated that money would be a problem with all of the needs for funding in 1976. Mr. Plummer indicated that Program A could, no doubt, get help from companies by their providing internal funds to proceed on some of the studies.

With regard to a follow-on HEXAGON, Mr. Plummer firmly indicated that he wanted to be sure that Perkin-Elmer gets as much notice of intent to solicit proposals for a follow-on HEXAGON as Itek gets.

With regard to support that Program Office A was requesting from Program Office B, it was indicated that the powering back at Program Office A would require less support from Program Office B.

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