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SUBJECT: HEXAGON Management Considerations by Contract

The attachment summarizes current status of sensor subsystem management considerations by contract or effort.

We should try to effect an early resolution of management responsibilities in each case, as both current and near-term actions are involved.


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HEXAGON Management Considerations by Contract

WHIG 1565 has been interpreted in Comptroller WHIG 1609 as covering the following specific contracting and funding responsibilities:

Vehicles 1 thru 6:

PILOT responsible for P-E DH-7776
PILOT responsible for P-E DH-71-3014 related engineering changes
PILOT responsible for National Bureau of Standards calibration testing

Vehicles 7 thru 12:

PILOT responsible for time being for P-E DH-70-3010, related engineering changes, and related NBS calibration testing

Vehicles 13 and Subsequent:

CHARGE will assume responsibilities from the outset

Block II Studies and Follow-On Actions:

CHARGE responsible

This leaves the following contracts for specific determinations of future responsibility:

P-E DH-71-3014 covering Field Support, Spares and Return/Repair

P-E FC-2058 covering Facilities Support

TRW DH-72-3017 covering System Engineering and Technical Support

IBM AM-9072 covering Computer Rental

LMSC DC-72-4015 covering Post Flight Analysis, Operational Software, and Computer Operations Support

On each of these, it had been previously assumed, particularly against a potential 1 July 72 turnover date on Vehicles 7 thru 12 to CHARGE, that CHARGE would assume responsibility with the next contract negotiation, expected in Summer 72. However, with the continuing open-ended responsibility for 7 thru 12 by PILOT, they could contest the transfer on the basis that the preceding involve support costs for vehicles 3 thru 12 for up to three additional years.

As special consideration items, TRW M-3368 covering Mission Simulation and Statistical Prediction studies is subject to determinations, as is P-E DH-72-3019 covering Visual Edge Matching Equipment.

Also, there are Hexagon-related considerations under PILOT Applied Research/Advanced Technology, Vulnerability R&D, specialized depot support, and perhaps Photographic R&D that require examination and determinations.

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