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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Labor Relations Problem on the HEXAGON Program

Received a call this A.M. from Mr. McDonald, who asked if it would be possible to obtain the names of the individuals representing Perkin-Elmer and the Turner Construction Company in Danbury -- the individuals who had disavowed the criticality of the work stoppage. I called [ ] Labor Relations, Hq USAF, who passed the request to [ ], Labor Relations, AFSC, and to the AFSC field element in Boston.

[ ] called me back at 1415 to indicate that the Air Force representative in Boston [ ] had reported his conversations of July 31 as follows:

a. With Mr. Clonan (Perkin-Elmer) who indicated when asked about the criticality of the situation, "Not really critical, but annoying."

b. With Mr. Petrie (Chief Engineer, Turner Construction) who, when asked the same question, replied, "The situation isn't at the critical point, but it is bothersome."

I mentioned to [ ] that the field representatives of these two concerns might now receive considerable pressure to adjust their positions. [ ] then contacted his Boston representative to ask that these two officials be queried once again to determine if their "position" had changed. Mr. Clonan was not available and has promised a call back to [ ] Mr. Petrie was in New York City and was not expected to return to Danbury today.

I called Mr. McDonald at 1420 and passed this information to him. As a matter of fact, he had his secretary on the line to record it. Mr. McDonald indicated that he planned to contact Perkin-Elmer corporate management and promised a call back by the end of the day to apprise me of developments.

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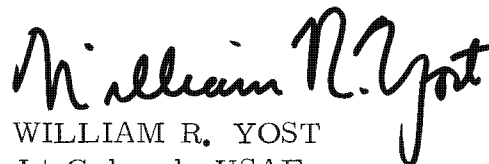
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I pointed out to Mr. McDonald that a rather serious problem was yet to be faced; that even though the negotiations may be successfully completed and agreement between the union and management obtained, we will probably find ourselves in the position of having no sheet metal workers to hire since they have in great numbers migrated to New York state, just across the line, and have obtained employment at substantially increased wages.

Mr. McDonald called back at 1515 to report that he had talked with Mr. Patrick, Vice President at Perkin-Elmer, and Mr. Clonan to ascertain whether or not Mr. Clonan had in fact provided the "not critical, but annoying" advice to the Air Force labor relations people. Mr. Clonan acknowledged the quote but explained that he had indicated Perkin-Elmer's concern over some slippage in the project. After consulting with the Perkin-Elmer people, Mr. McDonald urged them to contact [ ] again and express very clearly the situation as it existed in Perkin-Elmer, that they were currently experiencing a day to day slip in the program as a result of the work stoppage. Mr. McDonald asked my help in relaying this information back through our Air Force channels to [ ]

I called [ ], AFSC, explained the current status, as determined from discussions with the Perkin-Elmer corporate representatives, and asked that he alert [ ] to the call from Perkin-Elmer and further that he ask [ ] to provide all assistance possible in resolving the problem in Danbury. [ ] indicated he would. I called Mr. McDonald to confirm my action. I asked Mr. McDonald to keep me apprised of further developments.



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