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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

November 4, 1969


NOTE FOR COLONEL

All cited GE activity is at GE (Aerospace Electronics Division), Utica, New York.

All subsystems for both 467 (HEXAGON) and 110 (GAMBIT) are programmers.

Salaried personnel referenced in last paragraph can handle items already fabricated and assembled. Problems could begin in three weeks on 467 and in about 30 days on 110 should the walk-out continue. Salaried personnel cannot perform essential fabrication and assembly.

SAFSP and GE are presently assessing impact of strike for the period beyond December 1.

  
WILLIAM R. YOST  
Colonel, USAF

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467 Status: *(Continuing)*

A. 101 - This subsystem is due at LMSC 20 November for module qualification. It is currently in temperature test and still close to schedule. Barring a serious failure, 101 should be delivered near the schedule date with no detrimental effect on program schedule.

B. 102 - This subsystem is due at LMSC 2 January as the first flight article. All its units are currently in unit test. It will progress satisfactorily during the strike.

C. 103 - This subsystem is due at LMSC 2 March as the second flight article. This subsystem is currently in unit assembly. This effort will progress at a reduced rate. A strike of two to three weeks duration would impact this subsystem and subsequent subsystems.

110 Status: *(Current)*

There are approximately two systems that are in test or soon will be and one system that could be built up from existing completed units. There will be no major impact on the 110 if the walk-out lasted up to thirty days.

The above deliveries assumes no technical problems and no difficulty in the physical movement of salaried personnel or hardware into or out of the plant.

All strike information will be updated weekly. If significant changes occur in the interim the information will be called in and confirmed by message.

GE DELIVERIES WITH-8

In anticipation of the GE/AED strike walk-out which occurred on 30 October 1969 GE had previously inventoried the skills of salaried personnel and the availability of completed units and systems. GE intends to concentrate on moving the most advanced subsystems at the expense of the later deliveries.

GE will provide one shift operation on 31 October with some second shift capability. They will be down Saturday and Sunday. However, on Monday they begin three shift operation.

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2. 102 - THIS SUBSYSTEM IS DUE AT LMSC 2 JANUARY AS THE FIRST FLIGHT ARTICLE. ALL ITS UNITS ARE CURRENTLY IN UNIT TEST. IT WILL PROGRESS SATISFACTORILY DURING THE STRIKE.

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THE ABOVE DELIVERIES ASSUMES NO TECHNICAL PROBLEMS AND NO DIFFICULTY IN THE PHYSICAL MOVEMENT OF SALARIED PERSONNEL OR HARDWARE

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INTO OR OUT OF THE PLANT.  
ALL STRIKE INFORMATION WILL BE UPDATED WEEKLY. IF SIGNIFICANT  
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WHIG ATTN: COL. YOST

HEXAGON

REFERENCE: A. PERCH 1792

B. MCDONALD [ ] TELECON, 6 NOV. 1968

1. IN VIEW OF THE EXTENTION OF THE BENDIX STRIKE AND AS DISCUSSED IN REF. B, [ ] IS REQUESTED TO FURTHER DEFINE BY PART, NUMBER AND QUANTITIES THOSE CONNECTORS DESCRIBED IN REF. A WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY BENDIX AND WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR ACCEPTANCE AND SHIPMENT. [ ] IS TO IDENTIFY WHO WILL PERFORM THE ACCEPTANCE. FURTHER, [ ] IS TO IDENTIFY IN THE ABOVE MANNER ANY SUBCONTRACTOR CONNECTOR PURCHASE ORDERS AT BENDIX.

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AS SOON AS THESE PARTS HAVE BEEN CRATED FOR SHIPMENT, [ ] IS TO NOTIFY PILOT INFO WHIG (ATTN. COL. YOST) OF THE WEIGHT AND VOLUME INVOLVED IN ORDER FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR RELEASE.

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PER TELECON REQUEST 11/4/68 FROM YOUR [ ] TO OUR [ ]  
THE FOLLOWING LIST OF BENDIX CONNECTOR ORDERS IS  
SUBMITTED. THIS LIST INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CONNECTORS WHICH  
WERE DUE THROUGH THE MONTH OF NOV. DELIVERIES DUE LATER THAN NOV.  
ARE NOT CRITICAL AT THIS TIME. PLEASE EXPEDITE.

SSC P. O. NUMBER	LINE ITEMS	TOTAL	CONNECTORS	DATE DUE
29089TK	1	2		9/23/68
29090TK	1	2		9/23/68
32868TK	1	2		10/21/68
35800TK	3	6		11/18/68
35801TK	2	8		11/8/68
35802TK	4	14		11/19/68
35804TK	5	66		11/18/68
35805TK	5	114		11/8/68
35806TK	6	110		11/18/68
35807TK	2	8		11/8/68
35808TK	1	60		11/8/68

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35828TK	2	6	11/8/68
35851TK	4	8	11/18/68
35929TK	2	36	10/31/68
37586TK	4	10	11/18/68
37588TK	4	10	11/18/68
37590TK	1	4	11/18/68
37591TK	2	16	11/18/68
37593TK	1	2	11/18/68
37612TK	1	2	10/30/68
39905TK	4	12	11/18/68
39941TK	1	2	11/30/68
40971TK	2	10	11/25/68

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PRIORITY WHIG (SAFSS)  
HEXAGON

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A MESSAGE SENT TO HQ AFSC  
REQUESTING ACTION ON REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM STRIKE BOUND PLANT:  
"SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM BENDIX CORPORATION,  
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS DIVISION, SIDNEY, NEW YORK

1. REQUEST REMOVAL FROM STRIKE BOUND BENDIX CORPORATION  
ELECTRONICS COMPONENTS DIVISION, SIDNEY, NEW YORK OF 100  
CONNECTORS AS DESCRIBED BELOW:

QUANTITY: 100

PART NO: LS40641FF2461-PS

VOLUME: LESS THAN TWO CUBIC FEET

WEIGHT: LESS THAN 50 LBS

PURCHASE ORDER: ONR700460 (LMSC)

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT NUMBER:

PRIORITY RATING: PX-A2

2. THESE CONNECTORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT  
EFFORTS FOR PROGRAM 390. LACK OF THE UNITS WILL CAUSE A WORK  
STOPPAGE AT LOCKHEED MISSILES AND SPACE COMPANY.

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3. THIS ITEM IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM EITHER AIR FORCE SUPPLY OR  
OTHER SOURCES.

4. THESE CONNECTORS SHOULD BE DELIVERED FOR ACCEPTANCE BY  
MR ZAKON, LMSC'S SIDNEY REPRESENTATIVE. MR ZAKON CAN BE REACHED  
AT HIS HOME IN UNADILLA, NEW YORK, AREA CODE 607, PHONE 369-2361.

SIGNED ALFONSO P. CARRERAS, CONTRACTING OFFICER."

THIS MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED TO YOUR OFFICE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES.

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PRIORITY PILOT INFO PRIORITY WHIG (ATTN: COL YOST)  
HEXAGON  
SUBJ: SUMMARY OF TELECON BETWEEN D. PATTERSON, [ ], K.H.  
MESERVE ON 10/31/68.

1. Q. WHO IS REPRESENTATIVE OF LOCAL 1529?  
A. MR. AMMON HECK
2. Q. WHO IS REPRESENTATIVE OF BENDIX?  
A. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE IS MR. CARLTON DWIGHT, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. CORPORATE REPRESENTATIVE IS MR. RALPH MCGRUTHER.
3. Q. IS FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD INVOLVED?  
A. YES, FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE IS JAMES J. CARROLL. THE FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE WILL PROVIDE FOR A MEETING OF BOTH PARTIES ON 11/6/68 AT 2 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT SIDNEY RECREATION CENTER, SIDNEY, NEW YORK.
4. Q. WILL INTERNATIONAL UNION MEDIATORS BE INVOLVED?  
A. NO.
5. Q. IS THIS THE ONLY BENDIX PLANT WHICH MAKES CONNECTORS?  
A. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, IT IS THE ONLY ONE WHICH MAKES THE JT SERIES CONNECTORS.

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## 6. OTHER INFORMATION

- A. BENDIX HAS LICENSED AVNET, CANNON, AND BURNDY TO MAKE JT SERIES CONNECTORS. AVNET IS THE ONLY ONE CURRENTLY IN PRODUCTION ON THE JT SERIES. BURNDY AND CANNON ARE 36 MONTHS AWAY FROM PRODUCTION CAPABILITY.
- B. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE BENDIX HAS NO INTERMEDIATE SUPPLIERS.

## 7. IMPACT

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE VERY GENERAL AS ALL WORK AROUNDS, CONNECTOR SUBSTITUTES, AND RESPONSES FROM AN ALTERNATE SUPPLIER (AVNET) HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY EXERCISED.

- A. CADMIUM PLATED CONNECTORS FOR THE ENGINEERING MODEL HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ORDER WITH AVNET. AVNET WILL RESPOND AS TO THEIR CAPABILITY.

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TO SUPPLY THESE CONNECTORS BY 11/1/68.

B. THE SBA SIMULATOR SITUATION LOOKS FAIR. CADMIUM CONNECTORS ARE ON ORDER, FIFTEEN TYPES STILL QUESTIONABLE.

C. RADIATION IMPACT NOT YET EVALUATED.

D. BENDIX CONNECTORS WHICH WERE DUE 11/6 WILL IMPACT THE DEVELOPMENT MODEL PLATEN.

E. SSTC CONNECTORS WERE DUE IN MID NOV. DUPLICATE ORDERS ORIGINALLY PLACED THRU SBAC AND SSC PURCHASING ARE BEING DELAYED BY THE STRIKE.

CADMIUM PLATED JT SERIES CONNECTORS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM AVNET.

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PRIORITY PILOT INFO PRIORITY WHIG (ATTN: COL. YOST)  
HEXAGON  
SUBJ: CONTRACT DH-7776 NOTIFICATION OF LABOR DISPUTE  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASPR 7-104.4 (NOTICE TO THE GOVT OF LABOR  
DISPUTES) WE WISH TO NOTIFY YOU OF A LABOR DISPUTE WHICH HAS POTENTIALLY  
SERIOUS IMPACT ON THIS PROGRAM. A STRIKE HAS BEEN CALLED BY LOCAL 1529  
OF THE IAM UNION, AGAINST THE BENDIX CORP. IN SIDNEY, NY. THE BENDIX  
CORP. IS OUR PRIMARY SOURCE FOR CONNECTORS FOR THIS PROGRAM. WE ARE  
EXPLORING ALTERNATE SOURCES OF SUPPLY FOR THESE CONNECTORS AND SHALL  
APPRISE PILOT OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.  
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ATTENTION: COL YOST

1. IN ORDER TO OBVIATE FURTHER CONFUSION REGARDING THE NEED FOR SHEET METAL WORKERS, THE FOLLOWING IS STATED:  
[ ] NEEDS TEN MINIMUM (14 MAXIMUM) SHEET METAL WORKERS IMMEDIATELY TO INSTALL DUCT WORK, ETC. AT THE [ ] PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT WOOSTER HEIGHTS, DANBURY, CONNECTICUT. IN ADDITION, [ ] NEEDS SIX MINIMUM (EIGHT MAXIMUM) SHEET METAL WORKERS IMMEDIATELY AT THE FABRICATORS PLANT (CONNECTICUT SHEET METAL, INC. NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT) TO FABRICATE DUCT WORK.

2. YOUR HELP TO GET THESE MEN ON THE JOB IS URGENTLY NEEDED.

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July 24, 1968

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Delivery of Aluminum Discs for HEXAGON Program at  
Lockheed

Called [ ] and [ ] (Labor Relations, AFSP) this date to check the status of the delivery of discs from the Alcoa plant in Davenport (under strike conditions) to Lockheed for Program 467 application.

[ ] advised that the Aluminum Workers Union and the Alcoa Company had settled their differences over the past weekend in negotiations that continued through Sunday evening; however, the ratification vote by the Union had not yet been accomplished. The ratification vote is scheduled for July 25. Assuming no further airing of differences -- the vote should be affirmative and normal activity could resume by Friday, July 26.

[ ] explains that the problem has been:

1. local union (Davenport) dissidence
2. resistance by this group to our AF removal people attempting to move the discs.

Rafal further stated that on last Friday, July 19, in his discussions with the AF removal people -- he was informed that Lockheed company officials had advised that "they were not sure they wanted the remaining 10 discs from an order of about 42 since they were about to incorporate an engineering change into the program." [ ] submits that this may have been a misunderstanding -- however, [ ] points out that he was given this information on three separate occasions. [ ] agreed with my suggestion that Lockheed may have been saying that they needed the remaining 10 to complete their effort up to an anticipated engineering change. While this advice did not delay removal (since the local union resisted all removal efforts) it did raise the question of need with the AF removal people and company personnel. I think this is typical of contractor "over-communication"

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-- and it really inhibits our efforts in most cases. We must always unwind people from misunderstandings before we proceed to resolve what would have been a minor problem.

I have asked  to check

1. the certainty of a ratification vote for July 25
2. the "climate" in Davenport
3. the possibility of removing the material on Friday, July 26 under one condition (routine) or another (authorized removal).

understands that we have at Lockheed a one week supply as of July 23 -- which means next Tuesday, July 30, is drop-dead day.

  
WILLIAM R. YOST  
Lt Colonel, USAF

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