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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NRP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: July ExCom Meetings

Dr. McLucas has scheduled two ExCom meetings for the month of July. The first meeting will take place on July 14, 1971 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Room 3E 928 of the Pentagon. The second is scheduled for July 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the same location. The Agenda for the first meeting is attached with accompanying TAGBOARD Background Paper and Financial Data.

The Director's Report and detailed FY-72-77 Financial Data will be issued on July 13 in time for review prior to the second meeting on July 22, 1971. An Agenda for this meeting will be circulated at a later date.

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F. Robert Naka
Secretary
NRP Executive Committee

Attachments

1. Agenda for July 14
2. TAGBOARD Background Paper
3. TAGBOARD Financial Data

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NRP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Office of Deputy Secretary of Defense
Room 3E 928, The Pentagon
Wednesday, July 14, 1971
10 - 11 a.m.

1. **TAGBOARD**

- A. Special Committee Results - Briefing by Col. Hartley,
Director of Program D
- B. Review of Options Available

2. [REDACTED]

- A. Special Committee Results - Briefing by Dr. Naka
- B. Review of Options Available (for July 22 meeting)

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TAGBOARD [REDACTED]

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Attached for your consideration are the various program options, flyable and storage, with projected costs for each.

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John L. McLucas

TAGBOARD Options (Millions)

The Tagboard drone funding program established at the July Ex Com was on the basis of flyable storage with a limited operational capability for FY 1972 and 1973, and that if there were no launches in these two years, the drones would be put in dead storage in FY 1974. The funding established for the OSD Program Decision Memoranda and the Five Year Defense Program was:

FY 72 FY 73 FY 74 FY 75 FY 76 FY 77 Grm.

NRP Costs

As a result of recent examinations of satellite management techniques as applicable to the Tagboard program, two flight options have been developed:

Option 1:

This option would fly 9 of the 15 remaining useable drones by end-FY 1974, with the remaining 6 to go into dead storage in FY 1975. First refurbished flight vehicles would be ready in March/April 1972.

NRP Costs

Diff. from FYDP

Option 2:

This option would fly the 15 remaining useable drones by end-FY 1976. First refurbished flight vehicles would be ready in March/April 1972.

NRP Costs

Diff. from FYDP

Two storage options have also been developed:

Option 3:

This is a one-year (FY 1972) temporary storage option with a recall capability. Major hardware and tooling would be stored and maintained at contractor facilities, and B-52's would be placed in flyable storage. For FY 1973, a decision would have to be made as to whether to refurbish the drones and cameras for flight (with potential costs approximating those for Options 1 or 2, but with costs starting in FY 1973), or to place the drones and cameras in dead storage. This lends itself to three sub-option costs portrayals:

Option 3A - Temporary storage, then 9 flight program

NRP Costs

Diff. from FYDP

Option 3B - Temporary storage, then 15 flight program

NRP Costs

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FY 72 FY 73 FY 74 FY 75 FY 76 FY 77 Sum.

Diff. from FYDP [REDACTED]

Option 3C - Temporary storage, then dead storage:
NRP Costs [REDACTED]

Diff. from FYDP [REDACTED]

Option 4:

This is a dead storage option. Tools would be scrapped, the drones and cameras would be placed in dead storage at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED], boosters would be destroyed, B-52's would be demodified, and personnel would be phased out.

NRP Costs [REDACTED]

Difference from FYDP [REDACTED]

Options Cost Discussion:

1. Either options 1 or 2 involve significantly heavier funding in FY 1972 than budgeted or available under the Aircraft Procurement appropriation, where the Tagboard costs are charged. Either option would require FY 1972 appropriation adjustment or fund reprogramming (and Congressional attention) from regular Air Force funds. The FY 1973 and subsequent years totals for the NRP would also have to increase.

2. Options 3A or 3B would avoid the FY 1972 fund reprogramming problem, but increase the FY 1973 and subsequent years totals for the NRP.

3. Option 3C would involve nearly a year's grace before deciding to put the Tagboard in dead storage.

4. In addition to the NRP costs for any of the flight options, the Air Force funds military manning, B-52 and tanker support costs, etc. Under any of the flight options, Director D estimates that there could be a reduction in military manning of 80 to 100, involving [REDACTED] (Air Force funded), inasmuch as the flight options involve increased contractor manning.

DNRO Recommendations:

1. If the Ex Com wants a Tagboard crisis - response capability pending the availability of [REDACTED] Option 1 is the indicated choice. This would provide about two years of crisis-response capability (starting in March/April 72) before FROG first-launch.

2. If the Ex Com does not want a Tagboard crisis-response capability at this time, then Option 3C could provide one year's grace before a dead-storage decision, or Option 4 would involve an immediate decision to terminate.

3. Succeeding summaries reflect Tagboard at the FYDP amounts, pending an Ex Com decision. Tagboard should be considered in context with NRP total cost considerations.

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