

LATTER FACT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO EVEN COMMUNICATE AND DO BUSINESS BETWEEN [REDACTED] PERSONNEL AND IRO PERSONNEL.

5. ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH IS PERTINENT IS THAT THE PUBLICATION OF DOD DIRECTIVE 5200.13, WHICH PLACED VERY STRINGENT CONTROLS ON INFORMATION CONCERNING AIR FORCE SPACE ACTIVITIES, HAD THE EFFECT OF CRYING UP A COVER PLAN IN THE CLASSICAL SENSE. THIS IS TO SAY, THE MILEAGE WHICH WE USED TO OBTAIN FROM THE PUBLICATION OF DISCOVERER ACHIEVEMENTS IN THIS AND THAT COULD NO LONGER BE REALIZED.

6. IN SUMMARY, IT HAS BECOME QUITE EVIDENT THAT THE ORIGINAL DISCOVERER COVER CONCEPT HAS BEEN EXPLOITED TO ITS FULLEST AND HAS OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS. FURTHER, BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN ORGANIZATIONS, WORKING ARRANGEMENTS, AND THE EVOLVEMENT OF THE IRO, THE DISCOVERER CONCEPT WAS BECOMING MORE OF A LIABILITY IN AN OPERATING SENSE THAN AN ASSET. FOR THESE REASONS, IT WAS FELT APPROPRIATE TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE DISCOVERER LINEAGE AND ESTABLISH A NEW PROGRAM WITHIN THE SPECIAL PROJECTS ENVIRONMENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM EXTERNAL PRESSURES AND ELIMINATE A NUMBER OF DIFFICULT WORKING RELATIONSHIPS. ON THE OVERT SIDE, IT IS APPARENT THAT [REDACTED] HAS ACHIEVED THE GOALS IT SET OUT TO DO. IT IS FURTHER APPARENT THAT SPECIAL PROJECTS HAS PLACED UPON IT FROM TIME TO TIME NEW AND HIGH PRIORITY EFFORTS. THESE READJUSTMENTS HAVE IN THE PAST OCCURRED RAPIDLY AND WITH VERY LITTLE FRESHENING, E.G. [REDACTED]

7. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE BACKGROUND AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING GROUND RULES:

- A. LAST LAUNCH APRIL 1964.
- B. FIRST LAUNCH 15 MAY 64.
- C. NO CHANGE IN C LAUNCH SCHEDULE.
- D. MINIMIZE PERTURBATION.
- E. NO CHANGE IN SECURITY.

WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING ENVIRONMENT.

- A. AT HQ USAF AND HQ AFSC THE [REDACTED] IS BEING BROUGHT TO A CONCLUSION. THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW PROGRAM [REDACTED] MAY COME TO LIGHT AT A FUTURE DATE, BUT DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT REPORTED ON AT THOSE LEVELS AND THE FACT THAT NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE IS KNOWN ABOUT IT, THE EFFORTS WILL REMAIN OSCURE.
- B. AT SCD, REQUIREMENTS WERE PLACED UPON SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS FOR A NEW SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAM. [REDACTED] THESE REQUIREMENTS WERE DESCRIBED AS BEING OF HIGHEST PRIORITY, WITH A VERY EARLY LAUNCH DATE. IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT THE ONLY WAY THESE REQUIREMENTS COULD BE MET WAS BY EMPLOYING EXISTING RESOURCES. INITIALLY THE ASSIGNED REQUIREMENTS PEOPLE (HQAF, AGENA, C&O) WERE ALLOCATED TO TRY AND SOLVE THE IMPOSSIBLE PROBLEM. ORALLY, WORDS WERE USED WHICH IMPLIED THAT PROBABLY SOME PROGRAM WOULD HAVE TO BE ROBBED OF RESOURCES TO MEET THE [REDACTED] REQUIREMENTS AND THAT THIS WAS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

C. AT THE CONTRACTOR'S PLANT (LHSC) [REDACTED] JUST FADES
QUIETLY AWAY WITHOUT ANNOUNCEMENT OR FAITHE. THE CONTRACTS FOR
PROGRAM PECULIARS WILL BE ADMINISTRATIVELY TRANSFERRED TO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] ACTUALLY, THE WORK STATEMENTS WILL BE WITHDRAWN AND REISSUED
WITH THE NEW NUMBER. THIS COURSE OF ACTION WAS SELECTED AFTER
CONSULTATION WITH WITTING LHSC MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AS BEING THE
SOLUTION WHICH WOULD CAUSE THE FEWEST WAVES. AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO
THE CONTRACTOR THAT [REDACTED] WAS BEING BROUGHT TO A CONCLUSION
WOULD PROBABLY PRODUCE A NUMBER OF VERY UNDESIRABLE REACTIONS
SUCH AS PUBLICITY, POLITICAL REACTIONS, JOB INTEREST, STOCK
FLUCTUATIONS AND THE LIKE. THE WITTING PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE
LIMITING PEOPLE WILL PROBABLY INTERPRET THE CHANGE AS ANOTHER
AIR FORCE REDESIGNATION AND REORIENTATION, AS LONG AS THEIR
JOBS ARE NOT AFFECTED, THEY DON'T CARE. WE ARE RAPIDLY ACCOMPLISH-
ING A REDOCUMENTATION EFFORT WHICH WILL PERMIT AN ISSUANCE OF
[REDACTED] LHSC DOCUMENTS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR USE ON THE FIRST
LAUNCH IN MAY, E.G., CONDUCTOR MANUALS, TEST DOCUMENTS, ETC.

D. INSTRUCTIONS TO DATE TO ALL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN THOSE
TECHNICAL THINGS WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT
SPECIFIED ABOVE AND WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK
UNDER THESE RULES.

E. [REDACTED] HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED ON ALL THESE STEPS AND
IS FULLY AWARE OF PROGRESS TO DATE. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
I SUGGEST YOU MIGHT LIKE TO DISCUSS THE PLAN WITH [REDACTED]
DIRECTOR, KRO SECURITY AS HE HAS BEEN AWARE OF THE PLAN IN
DETAIL SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN OCT-NOV 63.

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