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I. In accordanc with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith.

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- 1. Work has progressed on many phases of the development of an unattended intercept system suitable for operation in supersonic vehicles and designed to receive, amplify and re-transmit (on another frequency) radar signals in S band.
- 2. A brief outline of the work during the quarter from 1 October to 31 December follows.
- a. The specifications for the commercial procurement of a transistorized S-band crystal-video receiver assembly were completed, bids invited and received; the proposals were analyzed and the bid of the lowest bidder, International Telephone & Telegraph Laboratories, was accepted. Plans were made to hold a conference with the contractor's engineers at an early date to assure an understanding on all points and thus expedite completion of both the prototype and the production units. Acceptance tests of the prototype have been outlined and preliminary preparations made to conduct them upon receipt of the prototype.
- b. The prototype of the tracking transmitter is completed and preliminary tests confirm adequacy of design.
 - c. Construction of the data-link transmitter is under way.
- d. The design of the programmer, for controlling the time during which the data-link transmitter operates, has been completed.
 - e. The mixer-amplifier and modulator circuits are in the design stage.
- f. Design of the antenna array (for use with the tracking and the datalink transmitters and the command receiver) and of the associated phasing network is nearing completion.

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- g. Provision of equipment for the ground stations includes the following:
- (1) For the manual control of the orientation of the Yagi antennas which are to be used at the command transmitter and the receiving sites, a steering and braking mechanism is being designed.
- (2) The two ground station shelters mentioned in the last report are being reconditioned, rewired and fitted with heaters and blowers.
 - (3) The command transmitters have been ordered.
- (4) Comparative evaluation of two VHF receiving systems has been undertaken to obtain data on which to base the choice of a type of receiver for the ground stations.
- (5) Tape recorders for the receiving stations have been received and tested.



