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Memo to [redacted]

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Subj: Additional Personnel for Project 'Poppy'

1. Prior to his departure, [redacted] called me over for a final meeting to review a great many aspects of the project as he could properly inform Rear Admiral Taylor and his successors of its ^{technical} status.

During the conversation he stated he could not understand why the Laboratory had not taken advantage of Dr. Mike Williams' offer to assist in support of the project by providing additional ceiling points, priority etc. [redacted] expressed concern

about the increased load on Trays, Rose and Withrow since the complexity of the intercept hardware and ground station equipment continued to increase.

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delays in 9104 due to our equipment not being delivered on time as indicated that

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[redacted] project properly. He stated he felt we needed at least a half dozen more people to make sure the project ran smoothly without the need for the last minute panic which had developed in our area ^{each of} for the last several launchings.

2. I advised [redacted] that no one had offered or even hinted that additional personnel ~~and~~ ceiling points might be made available for this project. Instead we had been under strict ^{ceiling} limitations. [redacted] stated he could not understand this as the Laboratory management had been advised on several occasions of Dr MacMillen's offer.

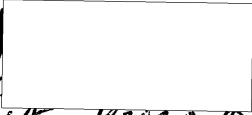
3. The countermeasures Branch has been struggling on a "bare bones" staffing for this project and without a few dedicated people like Mayo, Rose and Withrow plus volunteers from other sections of the Branch we never ^{could} have met our commitments. With this in mind and recognizing [redacted]

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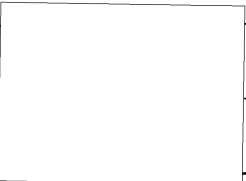


Recognize that these people can not be cleared under 13 or 14 months unless we were fortunate enough to find service personnel, previously cleared, who were leaving the service.

4. These are the areas where we urgently need help.

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