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TO : Code 5400

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25 August 1965

FROM : Code 5000

SUBJECT: Manpower on Problem R06-29

Ref : (a) Code 5430 memorandum to Code 1000 of 17 August 1965
 (b) Memorandum for the Chief of Naval Research (Secret),
 NRL 5000-18A:CEC:mcb, Ser 00357 of 27 July 1965

1. With respect to additional ceiling points discussed in paragraphs 1 and 2 of reference (a), no one in the present NRL management has heard of the offer of ceiling points. Had there been such an offer, it would be inappropriate to follow it up before exploring our own capability in the Laboratory and the Navy to solve whatever problems exist.
2. The time scale for the current phase was chosen by the Laboratory as one which could be met with available effort. If the program has been changed by the sponsor, a new time scale should be established, if necessary, before acceptance of the change. If, on the other hand, a bad estimate was made by the Laboratory, we have an obligation to explore our own capabilities to meet the added requirement before requesting help in such things as delay of schedule, etc. It is the Branch Head's responsibility to assign his manpower as best he can to meet commitments he has made. If this fails, he should promptly request assistance from his Superintendent who has an obligation to work the problem out for his Division with the assistance of the Office of the Director of Research, if necessary.
3. With respect to paragraph 4 of reference (a) indicating a large build-up of personnel on Problem R06-29, you are reminded that the Laboratory, with the concurrence of all concerned, has recently established a policy position, reference (b), on the countermeasures program as a whole which is directed to placing emphasis on more basic investigations. Serious thought must be given to any proposed increase in effort in the operational area, even to consideration of placing these projects with other activities.

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4. With respect to the HRB-Singer contract, if this is a contract which has to be converted, I understand we will receive ceiling points for employing these or equivalent people. However, I appreciate this kind of work is something the Laboratory prefers not to do and alternatives should therefore be explored. Can the contract be so written as to be acceptable or can this work be placed with another activity?

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