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Code 5400


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Code 5430

Project "TATTLETALE" ; Status of

1. Since 1 October the status of Project "TATTLETALE" has been uncertain from this Branch's viewpoint. Due to the changes in organization and the transfer of Vanguard to NASA the status of the cooperating project and the actual responsibilities for the elements is still not clear.
2. Although we have had contact with the working level at 5100, there has been no official acceptance of the responsibilities of this project. The basic problem is the same as that stated in 5430 Memo of 6 October requesting the allocation of funds. Also the requirement for priority is still the same as stated in 5430 Memo of 7 October.
3. We understand meetings have taken place between 5400 and representatives of 5100, however, the results of these meetings have not been relayed to 5430.
4. It is paramount that (1) the project be properly assigned and responsibility acknowledged, (2) a project coordinator for the cooperating division be appointed immediately, (3) working level Liaison meetings to resolve technical problems be held starting immediately with the cognizant 5100 code and 5430 personnel so the project can continue.
5. Over six weeks have been wasted in inactivity and to hope to maintain realistic commitments these periods of inactivity cannot be tolerated. The Laboratory's original project proposal is receiving active sponsorship in ONI now, it must receive active support at NRL also.

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