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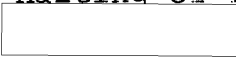

TO : R. D. Mayo 

DATE: 17 June 1971

FROM : L. Hammarstrom *LH* 21/June/71

SUBJECT: PTF Feasibility Program

1. The following is, as best I can reconstruct, the history of the PTF.

- a. Initial advocacy--July 1970
- b. First feasibility work initiated, R. D. Mayo, E. Demark--January 1971
- c. Halting of feasibility work after comments by  R. D. Mayo--February 1971
- d.  approve NRL R&D money for feasibility data collection and interface checkout during August PDE operational testing--24 May 1971
- e. Money received -- discussions on approach, L. Hammarstrom, R. D. Mayo--1 June 1971
- f. R. D. Mayo typed following work statement--3 June 1971

"Task 12--Preliminary PTF Hardware"


This effort is to provide a feasibility model and interface hardware such that testing can be done with the current SIC/PDE to minimize the problems associated with interfacing future PTF hardware. This effort is to be completed by 31 August 1971.

- g. Verbal approval on work statement given to G. Demark--4 June 1971
- h. Technical discussions, R. D. Mayo, D. Wales--8 June 1971

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i. Work stop order issued R. D. Mayo--15 June 1971

j. Current status--Limbo--17 June 1971

2. At the time of approval by [] there was about an 90% probability of being able to meet test schedule. Due to the slow delivery of P.C. cards that probability by the 15th had dropped to about 80%. The work stop order is daily decreasing the probability of meeting the test schedule.

3. Postponing work until some future date will guarantee that whatever PTF is integrated with the PDE's costly re-shipment to U.S. and modification of PDE's will be required. Further, the several thousand dollars already spent in February and June will have been wasted.

4. At the same time that we are so strangely selling a new system with the PTF as the very heart of successful performance, I cannot see why we must have such a jerky approach to the feasibility of this system.

5. I have personally advocated as strongly as I know how for PTF feasibility work, but this inconsistent starting and stopping, combined with the fact that prior to halting all work I was not informed in any way (I think I have some role in advanced development) forces me to completely separate myself from any responsibility for the successful meeting of any of the objectives.

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