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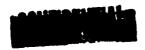
- l. Received call from General Thatcher, DCS/D, advising that the Army has proposed certain changes to the armsment MC's for the IRBM to those submitted by the Air Force. He needed the Air Force position on these for a meeting on 6 March. I called Colonel Norton and suggested that WDT get in touch with Colonel Harmen in DCS/D who had the action on the matter. I also advised Colonel Ahola as well as Colonels Holamen and Byers, RDTDA.
- 2. I was advised by Colonel Genes that he had been informed by Headquarters USAF that the briefing of Secretary Quarles on WS 117L had been indefinitely postponed.
- 3. Major Mortensen, ANP limison officer, brought in a draft HOI concerning correspondence on WS 107A, WS 315A and WS 125. I suggested certain changes and planned to coordinate the draft with HDD prior to further action here.
- 4. Major Malcolm D. Hart, 6508A, reported for duty as Assistant WDD Liaison Officer as of 2 March 1956.

## 6 March 1956

- 1. Colonel Norton requested the procedure for securing a missile nomenclature for the IREM. After subsequent checking, I advised him that this could be handled through Colonel Barrerre, WADC Engineering Standards Office, who assigned the number and thence to Colonel Walling, DCS/M, Headquarters USAF, who took final action on the matter.
- 2. Attended a meeting called by RDTR to discuss with Lt Colonel May, AFSWP, the proposed solar furnace facility. In view of the broad potential useage of such a facility, the various concerned staff offices planned to advise Colonel May as to the features they feel will make the facility most useful.
- 3. General Ostrander received a call from Colonel Power, AFDDP, regarding a meeting on 7 March on picket ships for the Snark program. The meeting to be held in Mr. McNeil's office (ASD/Comptroller) is to answer certain questions which Colonel Power passed on. Some of these involve WS 107A. I passed the information on to Colonel Jacobson and subsequently received a telephone call from Major Morgan, WDD limison officer at AFMTC, that WDD's requirements and position had been thoroughly worked out with AFMTC who would be represented at the meeting. A memorandum for record has been prepared concerning this meeting and distributed to those concerned.
- 4. Security violations at WDD was a subject for special discussion at the "dry rum" of the Management Control Briefing to be given to the Vice Commanders

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on 13 March 1956. WDD has had 26 security violations since July 1955. Eighteen of the violations have been committed by civilians and eight by military personnel. It is noted that the rate has fallen to zero in recent weeks.

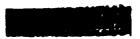
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- 1. Coordinated, after some changes, on a letter to Headquarters USAF reporting on the action Patrick proposes in regard to the facilities requirements for IRB. #2 and Vanguard.
- 2. Coordinated with Colonel Boatman a proposed visit to WDD by Erigadier General Gregory, recently assigned as Commander, OSk.
- 3. Mr. Meany, RECE, informed us that he was in receipt of two MIPM's from the Mayy in the amount of \$500 each. One MIPM was for use by the Navy Lisison Office at AFRITC and the other for the Navy Lisison Office at MID. The funds were for services other than personal. AESLB was advised to forward MIPM's to AFRITC and ADD.
- 4. Acceived a call from Colonel Soper concerning the acceleration of certain test stands at AFFTC. Colonel Eades, AFIA, with Corps of Engineers, had informed him that DD had requested the Beneficial Occupancy Date for certain stands at AFIAC be moved up from Lecember to 1 October 1956, and that an additional #500,000 would be required. Kajor Everhart, DD, was contacted for information on this and he informed us that ADD had not requested acceleration of the BOD for the stands in question (1-A, 1-1, and 1-2) and that dates shown in November 1955 Development Flan were still valid. Hajor Everhart further advised that he was of the opinion that the Corps of Engineers had a BOD of 21 December 1956 in the contract for some of the stands and if so then acceleration would be necessary. However, the 21 December 1956 date was not generated at MDD and evidently was not coordinated with ADL. Colonel Soper was advised of MDD comments.

## 8 March 1956

l. Was visited by Er. Robert Taggart of Reed Research, Inc., Washington, D.C., who has a contract with RADC on missile detection. Suitable clearance and need to know have been certified by RADC. Advised Er. Taggart in general terms of the ICEE and ICEE programs and of certain test schedules at AFETC. I suggested that he visit LDL for more complete information.

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- 2. Made a short presentation on LTD at the orientation of newly assigned personnel briefing.
- 3. USAF in an indersement to a letter concerning the "Report of the Advisory Group on Computers" requested that ARDC make a thorough and far reaching analysis of all ground and airborne digital computer developments, including those which are a part of specific aircraft, missile and weapon systems. The purpose of the analysis will be to determine whether duplication, where it exists, can be eliminated, and the extent to which multipurpose digital computers can be applied in place of one or more special purpose computer designs. RDTD called a meeting on this to discuss the approach to use in answering the USAF letter. Money questions were raised at the meeting but no decisions were reached. No commitments were made by RDGE and the position taken was that expressed by WDD in answer to previous requests for comments on same subject.

## 9 March 1956

- 1. Attended the RDS staff meeting and was advised that a TWX was being sent to AF.TC on the housing problem. At my suggestion, the Commander, WDD was included as an information addressee.
- 2. Together with Colonel Ahola briefed General Sessums on the Narch progress reports on ICEN and IREN: and got his signature on the letter of transmittal.
- 3. Discussed briefly with General Ostrander a problem raised by General Estes' office on the use of Test Stand 1-5 at ERETS.
- 4. General Power had called Colonel Minstead on 6 March 1956 concerning a geodetic survey requirement placed on the Aeronautical Photographic and Charting Service directly or indirectly by WED for the solution to Geodetic and Gravimetric problems associated with WS 107A. Investigation by Major Harkins, RDSTTG, while on TDY on 8 March indicated only the general nature of the problem. Het with Major Fox, RDTDWT, and discussed the possible problem. Major Fox will go to APCS to investigate the problem further and possibly will need to go to both AFRTC and WDD.

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