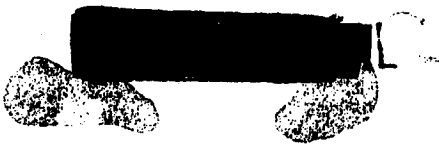


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**ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY  
Washington 25, D. C.**

21 November 1958

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDER, AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND**

**SUBJECT: Location of the Missile Assembly Building for the Sentry Program**

Transmitted herewith is ARPA Order No. 41-59, dated November 17, 1958, which authorizes the construction of the launch complex at Point Arguello for the Sentry Program. *corrected - destroyed - all corrected copy attached*

At the time we requested apportionment of the funds for this launch complex and the associated missile handling building, the Director of the Budget, OASD (Comptroller), made the following observations in a memorandum to the Director, ARPA:

"It is to be noted that your request includes funds for missile assembly buildings to be located at Vandenberg Air Force Base. In examining the master plan of the Pacific Missile Range, it appears that a more suitable location for these facilities would have been the Navy industrial area at Point Arguello. The location of these facilities at Vandenberg, in our opinion, is likely to generate problems of transportation when considering the existing roads which connect the Air Force Base with the Arguello launching facilities, and it may generate a requirement for road improvements, the cost of which will be significant.....it is requested that further consideration be given to the siting of these facilities."

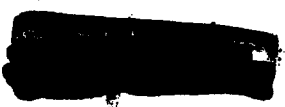
It would be appreciated if you would review the siting of these facilities in a letter to us with special reference to the roads and other general use facility factors which are the responsibility of the Pacific Missile Range. I believe it would be helpful if your letter indicated the views of the Commander, Pacific Missile Range, concerning the location of this building, and I am therefore sending him a copy of this memorandum.

Upon receipt of your letter and ARPA approval of its site location, funds shall be released for construction of the missile handling building.

**Roy W. Johnson  
Director**

1 Incl:  
ARPA Order No. 41-59

cc: Commander  
Pacific Missile Range



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ARPA Order No. 41-59  
(Corrected)

November 17, 1958 Date

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all ltr attached  
see amendment  
1 ltr 19 Dec 58  
#2 ltr 13 Feb 58*

**TO: Commander  
Air Research and Development Command  
Andrews Air Force Base  
Washington 25, D. C.**

1. Pursuant to the provisions of DoD Directive 5105.15, dated February 7, 1958, you are requested to proceed at once on behalf of the Advanced Research Projects Agency with the project specified below. Additional details and directives may be issued by ARPA from time to time and will become a part of this Order when so specified.

2. The Air Research and Development Command is authorized to design and construct a launch complex in support of the Sentry Program, as described in "Preliminary Construction Proposal (S) (WDIR 58-49) Pt. Arguello Launch Complex," transmitted with the September 2, 1958, memorandum from Air Force Ballistic Missile Division to the Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency.

3. This Order makes available \$6,659,000 under appropriation and account symbol "97X0115.002 Construction, Advanced Research Projects Agency, Office of the Secretary of Defense," for obligation by the Air Research and Development Command for the design and construction of the launch complex.

4. The Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense will be kept informed by such progress and management reports as may be prescribed. It is intended to require progress reports generally in conformance with "USAF Military Construction Program Status Report," AFR 93-16, RCS; AF-Z28.

5. The utilization of equipment and materials procured in connection with this project for other projects is subject to the direction of ARPA. Notwithstanding, final disposition of such equipment and materials shall be made in accordance with standard procedures.


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6. The Air Research and Development Command shall be responsible for preserving the security of these projects in accordance with the security classification assigned and the security regulations and procedures of the Department of the Air Force.

7. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Order, the Air Research and Development Command shall not be bound to take any action in connection with the performance of this work that would cause the amount for which the Government will be obligated hereunder to exceed the funds made available, and the obligation of ARDC to proceed with the performance of this work shall be limited accordingly. The Air Research and Development Command shall be responsible for assuring that all commitments, obligations, and expenditures of the funds made available are made in accordance with the statutes and regulations governing such matters provided that, whenever such regulations require approval of higher authority, such approval will be obtained from or through the Director, ARPA, or his designated representative.

  
Roy W. Johnson  
Director

cc: Secretary of the Air Force