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SMAMA for the purpose of reviewing subject procedures with both RADC and TRW personnel and to insure that appropriate action is being taken to provide TRW with the GFP urgently required to meet an April 1960 due date.

4. Dispute Between Lockheed and the Government: (UNCL)


Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Missiles & Space Division, sold their properties at Sunnyvale and Palo Alto to the Prudential Life Insurance Company and leased these properties back. This transaction took place in 1957. The Administrative Contracting Officer disallowed the lease costs on the grounds that they were not reasonable. The contractor submitted an appeal under the Disputes Clause, and the hearing on this appeal was held before the Armed Services Contract Appeals during the week of 4 March. Attendance at this hearing included representatives from BMC and the AFPR. The Navy and Army were also represented since this action affects 19 contracts, including those of the other Departments of DOD.

5. Follow-On Procurement of Nylon Rope for Use in the Satellite Recovery Program: (UNCL)

Mobile AMA is presently in the process of procuring a second requirement of nylon rope in support of the 6594th Recovery Test Squadron stationed at Hickam AFB. This type of AMA procurement is solicited in support of R&D Satellite Systems hardware requirements whenever feasible. Program funds are obligated directly to AMAs who, in turn, perform procurement and production functions directly with suppliers.

6. Launch of MIDAS Flight Test Vehicle 1007: ~~(SECRET)~~

A thorough analysis of the data associated with the launch of the first MIDAS Agena (FTV 1008) is currently underway. As a result of this investigation, slippage in the launch of the second MIDAS Agena (FTV 1007) is evident. The present schedule calls for the launch of this Agena from Cape Canaveral, 31 March; however, there is every indication that the launch will not be accomplished prior to 5 April.


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