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5 November 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: 117L Program (Uncl)

1. Pursuant to the 117L Development Plan published on 2 April 1956, AFMTC was instructed by Hq ARDC to proceed with the design criteria for the launch facility called out in that plan.
2. Since AFMTC lacked sufficient information from which to prepare such criteria, on 20 September 1956, they requested WDD, through the Field Office, to provide additional information.
3. This office in turn requested such information on 10 October 1956 from the 117L Systems Office.
4. On 24 October 1956, we received from Lt Colonel Odear an information copy of a reply, sent through WDI, which purported to be a completely revised and approved plan for the 117L Program that called for use of the Sii-65 facilities, launchers, assembly building and guidance, starting in March 1958. Attached to this document was a buckalip which indicated that General Schriever had not personally approved this plan and that it was not to be released to AFMTC until he had. His review was expected to be accomplished by the end of November 1956.
5. Immediately upon receipt of this document, Commander Bruen was advised, in Lt Colonel Odear's absence, that this action would not meet the AFMTC requirement for information. In subsequent discussion it became apparent that the plan as proposed had not been fully coordinated within WDI.
6. As a result of the foregoing, the proposed plan was discussed with Colonel Glanzer who expressed himself as being strongly opposed to its provisions due to interference with the critical guidance phase of the Sii-65. He concurrently advised Colonel Turman as to his position and the reasons therefor.
7. In subsequent discussions with Colonel Horton, it was at first thought possible to release this plan to AFMTC for "information only", but the final decision by Colonel Horton on 2 November 1956 was that nothing additional concerning the 117L Program should be provided AFMTC at this time.

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8. Prior to this decision, the content of Lt Colonel Ocker's memo was discussed with Lt Colonel Mathison, during his visit to WED, with the definite understanding that the information it contained was not to be divulged to AFSEC in accordance with Lt Colonel Ocker's specific request.

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