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16 July 1959

STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 14 July 1959

Personnel Present -

[redacted]

Mr. Welch
Mr. Kelly

[redacted]

[redacted]

Mr. Parangosky

[redacted]

Mr. Reber

[redacted]

1. FINAL BUDGET MEETING - Based on the need to forward the DPD Budget to the Agency Comptroller as soon as possible, a meeting will be held 15 July at 1300 hours. All Branch Chiefs are expected to be there prepared to go into any detail necessary to justify Budget requests. Together with Finance Staff, the Branches will thus be able to provide [redacted] with justification. As soon thereafter as possible, a meeting will be held with Mr. Bissell on the same subject.

ACTION: All Branches

2.

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ACTION: Operations and Development Branches

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4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

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8. CORONA - ARGON STATUS - [redacted] reported on his attendance at the follow-up meeting called this week on the west coast to reaffirm a proposal to conduct Flight VI on "medium risk" basis using RJ-1 fuel and with some weight reduction in the system. At the meeting, LAC indicated 90% plus confidence factor for Flight VI, assuming altitude of 120 miles, eccentricity of 5% (confirmed at a later meeting between BMD, LAC and [redacted]), use of RJ-1 fuel (expected weight reduction 60 pounds), a 170° azimuth (20 pounds reduction), and a reduction in weight by trimming equipment (63 pounds). Total reduction is 143 pounds. For details of this meeting, see Memorandum number [redacted] dated 13 July 1959. [redacted] reported that since the meeting another reduction of 10 pounds has been achieved.

In the opinion of [redacted] the effectiveness of the meeting was minimized by two factors:

A. There were too many people at the meeting (total--30) and

B. Clear-cut agreements were not reached due to the number attending. Actual agreements reached were learned by [redacted] later.

[redacted] stated that he sees no way to exercise technical management of the CORONA program unless a DPD officer charged with such responsibility is accepted both by the prime contractor and others as the person to run the progress and policy meetings. He strongly advised that we give ARPA full management unless the contractors and Government agencies are agreeable to accepting the above condition. [redacted] will ask Mr. Bissell to convey this feeling to [redacted]

Mr. Parangosky reported that requirements for ARGON will be discussed at a meeting soon which will be followed by the awarding of contracts. Liaison with ARPA on ARGON is progressing smoothly. Effective 13 July, [redacted] was detailed to ARPA. He now occupies a post in the Technical Operations Division, Office of the Assistant for Special Projects.

9. [redacted]

10. [redacted]

A. [redacted]

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B. [REDACTED]

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C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

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CONCUR:

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COLONEL, USAF
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