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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCHRIEVER

SUBJECT: Proposed Discussion Items for Today's Meeting
with Roy Johnson

1. Based on the 3 September letter which you sent to Mr. Johnson, the following items are considered the principal or essential ones.

a. We are apprehensive about "A" being able to accomplish the ballistic missile targeting objectives in time to meet Air Force needs.

b. From a general management point of view, a minimum number of organizations involved in the program will eliminate complications (we can't see why it is necessary to have the Army involved in data acquisition.)

c. To maintain maximum security, it is also essential to keep the number of organizations to a minimum. Example -- "C" program.

d. SAMOS sub-system E-4 was designed to accomplish the tie-in of missile targets to known control points. E-4 could also assist the overall Argon objectives.

e. Will the proposed launches of Argon conflict with Discoverer?

2. I consider these to be the five main points of discussion. In view of the time limitations of your schedule, I recommend that you call Dr. Charyk and Mr. Johnson and urge that the luncheon group be limited to Johnson, Charyk, Billings, Bissell and yourself, to permit a general discussion to take place. At this meeting you might then suggest that a working level meeting be convened immediately after lunch to attempt to resolve a, d, and e. I have the group from BMD on stand-by for this purpose.

3. I don't believe we are on solid enough ground yet to point by point question the technical aspects of Argon. This is what Dick Leghorn is now working on.

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4. Also I would like to remind you that Dr. Charyk believes that Argon may achieve Air Force Missile Targeting objectives and that it is "politically inexpedient" to object to the Argon project per se.



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