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MEMORANDUM² FOR COLONEL WORTHMANSUBJECT: Telephone Conversation² from Messrs [] and Krueger

Assuming you have read my June 5 memo on this same subject, I would like to continue here then the story of [] Krueger Place. Much to my surprise, Joyce had listed for me this AM a tentatively scheduled meeting with Messrs [] and Krueger at 2 PM -- a meeting for which the subject was to be supplied later on this morning by Claire.

My skepticism led me immediately to the conclusion that these two gents were about to swing on in here and discuss rather officially with me those same two camera systems which they were obviously being pressured on by their programmatic people (Mr. Jaffe). Not that I am a panty-waist, you mind, but I was very concerned that I might be led down the primrose path by these two gents in their hurried attempts at some quick coordination and approval to relieve the pressure they were receiving in their own house. Perhaps I was seeing ghosts, but perhaps not. I chose not to take a chance and so I called Mr. [] and asked him for details on what it was he and Myron wanted to discuss. Mr. [] admitted that they were being pressured on this very issue and that they were hoping to get some "action" started. I explained to [] again very succinctly that I was not yet fully aware of all the machinations that had gone before on this issue, nor for that matter of any feelings on the part of DOD SACC members with respect to this issue. I advised [] that while I would be happy to meet with he and Myron, it seemed to me that such a discussion would be sort of non-productive. [], of course, was a bit unhappy but admitted that he understood my position. I suggested very strongly that he and Myron hold off the NASA pressure until such time as you/Allen/Palley were here in order that something worthwhile might result from any discussions. He still insisted that I hold this afternoon open but that he would talk further with Myron.

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Myron called me at 1345 to say that they agreed that the discussion could be delayed until Monday, but that they felt very strongly that they must have the meeting sometime Monday. Myron took the occasion then of this call to say just a bit more about the issue. The following is an account of what he provided:

Myron has discussed these camera systems on a couple of occasions with Col Williamson. Col Williamson's concerns appear to center around the risk of NASA moving into earth-pointing applications of these very nice systems rather than just the lunar scientific exercises. Myron has been in touch also with Itek on the 24" optical bar panoramic camera. This contact started when Itek called Myron indicating that Houston had been in touch with Itek asking about the availability of this camera system. Itek's check with Myron, of course, was to ascertain whether or not Houston could be serious. Itek apprised Myron then that these cameras were available on-the-shelf and were being advertised for general availability and advised Myron that a [redacted] (who the directory shows as a member of the AFRDR staff) was the Air Force contact for Itek on this system. Myron then has had several discussions with [redacted] Through these discussions Myron has learned that these cameras are coming off the Itek line in sufficient number to enable the Air Force to offer four or five of the systems for immediate sale to NASA. So Myron's position is that there no longer is a question of availability of the system but rather only the question of how NASA would contract to purchase the cameras and the more important question of our providing Len Jaffe a paper for his Pearl Harbor file. Jaffe obviously knows of their immediate availability and is pushing Myron since the issue is no longer academic (and here it is important to note that Jaffe has both program authorization and money, which was not the case at the time of the last SACC meeting).

[redacted] was also on the line I found out at about this point, because he began to address the other camera system, i. e., the 3" mapping camera. His very cryptic sentence indicated that NASA was ready to do this particular acquisition in either of two ways: (1) pick up the pieces (whatever that means), (2) buy the glass and have the technology redone.

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I thanked these gents for this most interesting discussion and told them I would certainly pass this information on to you and perhaps attempt this afternoon to do some of the checking with [redacted] On second thought, I felt I should not yet touch base with [redacted] until I talk with you and so I have decided against such a contact. I will await your guidance with interest. I trust I have remained peripheral enough to the problem so as not to muck it up.

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WILLIAM R. YOST
Lt Colonel USAF

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

Lt Col Yost

YOU WERE CALLED BY— YOU WERE VISITED BY—

OF (Organization)

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. _____
 WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU
 RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

Claire called + said the subject of the mtg was the 3" + 24" camera. I explained to her that you had talked with them at some length about that subject yesterday,

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