MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL BRADBURN

SUBJECT: Class Determination and Findings

On 9 June 1975, with the concurrence of the Air Force General Counsel's Office, Mr. Plummer signed the attached Class Determination and Findings authorizing the negotiation of contracts. As a statutory appointee, Mr. Plummer is authorized to act as agency head for matters within his purview.

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1 Attachment
Determinations and Findings
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS

AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS

Upon the basis of the following findings and determination which I hereby make as agency head, the proposed contracts described below may be negotiated without formal advertising pursuant to the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2304(a)(11).

FINDINGS

1. The Director, Office of Special Projects, OSAF, proposed to procure by negotiation experimental, developmental or research work calling for the design, development, fabrication and the furnishing of satellite vehicles, subsystems, boosters and payloads; software, design data, test, drawings and mockups, test articles and components; instrumentation and contractor flight tests and demonstration; contractor support (including spares, spare parts, special support equipment, repairs, and launch services); publications and reports. The proposed class of contracts will not call for quantity production within the meaning of paragraph 3-211.3 of the Armed Services Procurement Regulation.

2. Procurement by negotiation of the above described services and property is necessary because it is impossible to describe in precise detail or by definite drawings and specifications the nature of the work to be done under the proposed class of contracts; only the ultimate objectives and scope of the work can be outlined.

3. Use of formal advertising for procurement of the above described services and property is impracticable because it is impossible to describe in precise detail or by any definite drawings and specifications, the nature of the work to be done; only the ultimate objectives and general scope of the work can be outlined.

DETERMINATION

The proposed contracts are for experimental, developmental or research work. This class determination shall remain in affect until 30 September 1976. "Should Cost" evaluations are not applicable to the proposed contracts.

Date 9 June 1975

James V. Plummer
Under Secretary of the Air Force