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RDGB Diary Items for Week ending 16 March 1956

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FROM

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DATE 20 March 1956
Lt Col Oder/11/309

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12 March 1956

1. Lt Colonel Oder was on TDY at Wright-Patterson AFB on 12, 13, and 14 March to attend presentations by WS 117L System Design Study Contractors (RCA-Bell, Martin-Philco-IBM, Lockheed-EKC-CBS).

2. Notified General Dealer's office that Colonel Terhune would be at WDD on 16 March and was expecting the General.

3. Prepared DF to RDTDW formally requesting that they look into the Geodetic and Gravimetric requirements placed on APCS in support of WS 107A.

4. Coordinated on TWX for Colonel Boone from General Ostrander to General Yates concerning instrumentation of 5500 mile range for OST. This could be used for WS 107A.

5. Major Fox, RDTDW, called to advise that Mr. Fitzpatric from AFMTC, Mr. McShane from Aeronautical Charting and Information Center, and he would be going to APCS on 13 March to check on Geodetic and Gravimetric problems concerning WS 107A operational use.

13 March 1956

1. Coordinated on TWX to WDD with reference to Mr. Albert's (AVCO) "need to know" concerning vulnerability problems associated with WS 107A.

2. Lt Colonel R. A. Jones, RDTDEF, called to get coordination on TWX to WDD concerning his visit to attend solar furnace bidders briefing on 22 March 1956. He also will stay one extra day (23 March) to discuss materials problems with WDD if convenient to WDD.

3. Mr. Kesting, RDSI, called concerning seven items (Facilities) at Edwards which will be required earlier than anticipated. He had received a call from Colonel Miller and Mr. Diaz who were at WDD, advising that no action be taken on this until their return from WDD.

4. Coordinated on letter for RDTDGI concerning MIPR from AFMTC to Navy for purchase of AN/FPS-16 for WS 107A. Major Davis, RDSM, has wire from AFMTC (Mr. Niewahner, MIBM) stating that AFMTC would transfer P 150 funds to Navy by 15 March 1956. He will advise if further information is received. Captain McCarthy, RDTDGI, had already called General Swafford's office and passed the information to them.

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14 March 1956

1. Colonel Soper called regarding the Scientific Advisory Committee meeting at AFMTC on 5, 6, and 7 April 1956. He was interested in who from this Headquarters was to attend. He also advised of a possible change in agenda in which the first day would be taken up with briefings, the second day with visits about the cape and downrange, and on the third day a critique would be held in the morning followed by an executive meeting in the afternoon. Information passed to RDST for relay to AFMTC.

15 March 1956

1. A letter from AFCGM which covered the agenda for the 5, 6, 7 April OSD-SAC meeting at AFMTC was distributed to WDD, RDST, and RDZPI. General Ostrander (representing General Power), Colonel Genes, and Colonel Oder plan to attend the meeting from Headquarters ANDC, Colonel Soper was so advised.

2. Wrote TWX to WDD requesting clarification of status of Mr. Alberts, AVCO, in connection with request of APL-JHU representatives to visit him.

3. Comments were received from various directorates in RDS concerning agreements reached at 27-28 February meeting on handling center support requirements for WS 107A and WS 315A, in connection with WDS letter on this subject and passed same by TWX to WDS.

16 March 1956

1. Attended RDS staff meeting.

2. General Sessums received a telephone call from General Brentnall regarding estimated cost of meeting on October BOD (from an original December date) on Missile Assembly Building "L" at AFMTC (for Douglas). Whereas AFMTC estimated \$176,000, the AFIB-SAR and AFCIE estimated over \$500,000. Since this would be approximately 50% of the original price for a two month gain, General Sessums asked (a) was the price valid he got from General Brentnall, and (b) if so that General Landon should ask General Yates to make another MAB available until "L" is ready on normal schedule even if this means evicting a lower priority project. RDSI verified the higher figure and took action to advise General Landon who will get in touch with General Yates. As of this time, the matter is unresolved.

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3. Received a call from Colonel Soper concerning the IOX situation. The Department of Commerce had been in touch with the Department of Defense concerning the IOX situation and stated that the problem was most critical as AF requirements were seriously affecting the industrial complex. AF was using all available tank cars. These problems have been discussed with Mr. Sharp (Assistant Secretary for Material). A specific problem concerned the location of a small ten ton capacity generator being completed by Aero Products Plant at Allentown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sharp thinks we should locate this plant at our most critical spot expeditiously. Mr. Sharp must report back to Department of Commerce on what is to be done. AFCGM must advise Mr. Sharp as to location decided upon, an estimate of when the plant will be shipped, and when it will be in operation. Colonel Soper also advised that expedited methods of construction should be used to get the plant operational. Contacted RDSM on this and was advised that a stop order had been placed on shipment of the generator and Major Nash should have more answers when he returns from TDY on Monday, 19 March 1956. Call to Colonel Hebner, WDD, advised that the generator would be installed at Edwards. Will follow up on this on 19 March with Major Nash.

4. Dispatched RDS and RDGP comments concerning conclusions reached at 27-28 February meeting on submission of center support requirements to WDD.

5. Advised WDD (Colonel Boatman) of the reporting dates of Colonels Ritland, Leonard, and Wickland. (Colonel Ritland, 23 April 1956; Colonel Leonard after June 1956; Colonel Wickland, 1 August 1956).

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