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RDGB Diary Items for Week ending 27 January 1956

Western Development
Division

RDGB

31 January 1956
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23 January 1956

1. Received Headquarters USAF TWX, AFDRD-RE 54733, which concerned a briefing to the Stewart Committee on WS 117L. Passed action to RDZPI and subsequently advised WDD.

2. Furnished to Colonel Jackson, Acting Director, RDST, advanced copies of correspondence from the Pentagon on the tentative test schedule for the Army Redstone and IREB #2 programs at AFMTC. Upon receipt, passed the action copy to him.

3. Effected final coordination with Colonel Williams, AFMTC, regarding a TWX to be sent to all concerned regarding visits to WDD and AFMTC. This action was in response to an earlier request by General Power for such restriction.

4. Discussed the following with General Schriever by telephone:

a. General Schriever concurred in General Ostrander's attending the meeting of 1 February at AFMTC with himself, General Yates, and General Medaris.

b. I undertook responsibility for the WDD contribution to the Quarterly Command letter in view of the short deadline on this matter. Copies of the submission were sent to WDD.

c. Advised of the visit of representatives of the Directorate of Management Analysis, Headquarters USAF. General Schriever due a visit by this group during the last half of February. *20 Feb. Back*

d. Tentatively established the week of 13 February as the date for my next visit to WDD.

5. Called to Colonel Hall's office, WDD, regarding a memorandum for record on the solid rocket fuel meeting sponsored by this headquarters recently. Aeronautics and Propulsion Division desires WDD comments and/or concurrence.

6. Mrs. Helen Spedden joined the RDGB staff this date.

24 January 1956

1. Sent a DF to General Schriever inclosing a letter from the Vice Commander, ADC, dated 17 January 1956, Subject: ICBM and IREB Capability and Priority.

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2. Received the telephone concurrence of Major Arnold, WDD, to the de-classification of AZUSA equipment proposed by RDTDGI.

3. Clarified with Colonel Sheppard, WDD, the recent real estate problem raised by an AFCIE-RCS TWX and a SAC Top Secret TWX which was cited to WDD, (DPLTS 0026).

4. Discussed with Major Everhart, WDD, a proposed facilities meeting and subsequently advised RDSI as to the nature of the meeting.

5. Received a call from Major Palmer, Transportation Officer, Headquarters ARDC, regarding an air shipment from Pittsburgh to Portland, Oregon, and later discussed this by phone with Colonel Hebner, WDD.

25 January 1956

1. At the request of General Wood, attended a discussion with him and Colonel De Gennaro, AFDFR, MIT, regarding the receipt by Dr. Draper, MIT, of the standard letter that went out to all ICEM contractors on the acceptance of IREM business. Advised General Wood and Colonel De Gennaro that this same letter was sent to all principal WS 107A contractors. ~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~

2. Was advised by Colonel Winstead that he saw no objection to the proposed WDD briefing of the legislative liaison staff in Headquarters USAF. So advised General Schriever and subsequently confirmed by TWX that General Power had concurred.

3. Colonel Rader advised General Ostrander and the undersigned that OSD was interpreting General Power's words at the 3 January meeting with the Army and Navy to the effect that the Air Force would fund Army and Navy ICEM requirements at AFMTC. Subsequently learned that the OSD position was based upon an alleged original agreement between the three services at the time Air Force took over AFMTC. General Power, General Yates, and General Schriever were furnished a memorandum for record from General Ostrander on this subject.

4. Called Colonel Dodge, WDD, regarding a Committee on Aeronautical Facilities meeting scheduled for 0930, 8 February, in Room 3E 1060, Pentagon, to hear presentations on proposed re-entry facilities. Colonel Dodge advised that he saw no difficulty with this date but would confirm by TWX.

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5. At the request of Colonel Dickson, Director of Development, attended a meeting with him and Colonels Williams, Teubner, and Esch (all of RDTDG), and Colonel De Gennaro regarding the future support of Dr. Draper's group at MIT. They hope to be able to support the Draper group at a relatively constant level during the next few years but recent budget reductions for this type of support looming for FY 56 and FY 57 pose a real problem and they are looking to WDD for help. I pointed out that while the WDD program was large, it still had its fund difficulties and that I was in no position to make any commitments on behalf of WDD but would take the problem up with Colonel Elasingame. RDTDG will make every attempt to recommend a reprogramming within the funds available to RDTDG to accomplish their purpose and hope to work with WDD on the solution to this problem.

26 January 1956

1. Received from RDSML a DF regarding the revision of the material portion of ARDCM 80-4. Forwarded same to WDTSP and WDSM for comment and/or concurrence.

2. Forwarded WS 107A and WS 315A briefs (received from AFCCM) to key staff personnel in Headquarters ARDC.

3. Wrote DF to Colonel Hudson on Release of CONVAIR Reports, referencing similar DF of 3 January 1956.


4. Discussed with Major Brazie, RDSTI, the visit of a BJSM representative to AVCO in connection with WS 107A matters.

27 January 1956

1. Forwarded to WDD a TWX citing a Headquarters USAF TWX on the Priority of the ICM-IREM Programs.

2. Attended the Commander's staff meeting and the staff meeting of the Deputy Commander for Resources.

3. Received from Headquarters USAF a revised Draft Preliminary Operational Concept for the SM-65 (ATLAS) and initiated action to forward this to WDD.


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FROM WDTSP-1-6 HQ ARDC FOR RDZPI

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HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 75 PD REQ UR OFFICE TAKE ACTION TO DELETE NO 45 AND
SUBSTITUTE 75 PAGE 1 OF PLAN FOR THE 25 CYS SIGNED FOR BY LT COL GENNEZ ON
16 JAN 56 PD

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