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RDGB Diary Items for Week ending 9 March 1956

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5 March 1956

1. Received call from General Thatcher, DCS/D, advising that the Army has proposed certain changes to the armament MC's for the IREM to those submitted by the Air Force. He needed the Air Force position on these for a meeting on 6 March. I called Colonel Norton and suggested that WDT get in touch with Colonel Harman in DCS/D who had the action on the matter. I also advised Colonel Ahola as well as Colonels Holzman and Byers, RDTDA.

2. I was advised by Colonel Genes that he had been informed by Headquarters USAF that the briefing of Secretary Quarles on WS 117L had been indefinitely postponed.

3. Major Mortensen, ANP liaison officer, brought in a draft HOI concerning correspondence on WS 107A, WS 315A and WS 125. I suggested certain changes and planned to coordinate the draft with WDD prior to further action here.

4. Major Malcolm D. Hart, 6508A, reported for duty as Assistant WDD Liaison Officer as of 2 March 1956.

6 March 1956

1. Colonel Norton requested the procedure for securing a missile nomenclature for the IREM. After subsequent checking, I advised him that this could be handled through Colonel Barrerre, WADC Engineering Standards Office, who assigned the number and thence to Colonel Walling, DCS/M, Headquarters USAF, who took final action on the matter. ✓

2. Attended a meeting called by RDTR to discuss with Lt Colonel May, AFSWP, the proposed solar furnace facility. In view of the broad potential useage of such a facility, the various concerned staff offices planned to advise Colonel May as to the features they feel will make the facility most useful.

3. General Ostrander received a call from Colonel Power, AFDDP, regarding a meeting on 7 March on picket ships for the Snark program. The meeting to be held in Mr. McNeil's office (ASD/Comptroller) is to answer certain questions which Colonel Power passed on. Some of these involve WS 107A. I passed the information on to Colonel Jacobson and subsequently received a telephone call from Major Morgan, WDD liaison officer at AFMTC, that WDD's requirements and position had been thoroughly worked out with AFMTC who would be represented at the meeting. A memorandum for record has been prepared concerning this meeting and distributed to those concerned.

4. Security violations at WDD was a subject for special discussion at the "dry run" of the Management Control Briefing to be given to the Vice Commanders

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on 13 March 1956. WDD has had 26 security violations since July 1955. Eighteen of the violations have been committed by civilians and eight by military personnel. It is noted that the rate has fallen to zero in recent weeks.

7 March 1956

1. Coordinated, after some changes, on a letter to Headquarters USAF reporting on the action Patrick proposes in regard to the facilities requirements for IRB. #2 and Vanguard.

2. Coordinated with Colonel Boatman a proposed visit to WDD by Brigadier General Gregory, recently assigned as Commander, OSK.

3. Mr. Meany, RDSCB, informed us that he was in receipt of two MIPR's from the Navy in the amount of \$500 each. One MIPR was for use by the Navy Liaison Office at AFITC and the other for the Navy Liaison Office at WDD. The funds were for services other than personal. RDSCB was advised to forward MIPR's to AFITC and WDD.

4. Received a call from Colonel Soper concerning the acceleration of certain test stands at AFFTC. Colonel Eades, AFII, with Corps of Engineers, had informed him that WDD had requested the Beneficial Occupancy Date for certain stands at AFITC be moved up from December to 1 October 1956, and that an additional \$500,000 would be required. Major Everhart, WDD, was contacted for information on this and he informed us that WDD had not requested acceleration of the BOD for the stands in question (1-4, 1-1, and 1-2) and that dates shown in November 1955 Development Plan were still valid. Major Everhart further advised that he was of the opinion that the Corps of Engineers had a BOD of 21 December 1956 in the contract for some of the stands and if so then acceleration would be necessary. However, the 21 December 1956 date was not generated at WDD and evidently was not coordinated with WDD. Colonel Soper was advised of WDD comments.

8 March 1956

1. Was visited by Mr. Robert Taggart of Reed Research, Inc., Washington, D.C., who has a contract with HADC on missile detection. Suitable clearance and need to know have been certified by HADC. Advised Mr. Taggart in general terms of the ICE and IES programs and of certain test schedules at AFITC. I suggested that he visit WDD for more complete information.

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2. Made a short presentation on WDD at the orientation of newly assigned personnel briefing.

3. USAF in an indorsement to a letter concerning the "Report of the Advisory Group on Computers" requested that ARDC make a thorough and far reaching analysis of all ground and airborne digital computer developments, including those which are a part of specific aircraft, missile and weapon systems. The purpose of the analysis will be to determine whether duplication, where it exists, can be eliminated, and the extent to which multipurpose digital computers can be applied in place of one or more special purpose computer designs. RDTD called a meeting on this to discuss the approach to use in answering the USAF letter. Money questions were raised at the meeting but no decisions were reached. No commitments were made by RDGE and the position taken was that expressed by WDD in answer to previous requests for comments on same subject.

9 March 1956

1. Attended the RDS staff meeting and was advised that a TWX was being sent to AFMTC on the housing problem. At my suggestion, the Commander, WDD was included as an information addressee.

2. Together with Colonel Abola briefed General Sessums on the March progress reports on ICBM and IRBM and got his signature on the letter of transmittal.

3. Discussed briefly with General Ostrander a problem raised by General Estes' office on the use of Test Stand 1-5 at ERETS.

4. General Power had called Colonel Winstead on 6 March 1956 concerning a geodetic survey requirement placed on the Aeronautical Photographic and Charting Service directly or indirectly by WDD for the solution to Geodetic and Gravimetric problems associated with WS 107A. Investigation by Major Harkins, RDSTIG, while on TDY on 8 March indicated only the general nature of the problem. Met with Major Fox, RDTLWT, and discussed the possible problem. Major Fox will go to APCS to investigate the problem further and possibly will need to go to both AFMTC and WDD.

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