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1 August 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: RAND-WOOLDRIDGE  
ATTN: DR. HETTLER

SUBJECT: ~~(S)~~ Program Data for the Advanced Reconnaissance System

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a letter from Wright Air Development Center requesting information and assistance in the WADC Advanced Reconnaissance System Design Study Program.

2. During the week of 22 August a two-day briefing of the WADC people and their contractors will be conducted here at WED. It is requested that R-W prepare a presentation on the information requested in paragraph 2a of the attached letter.

3. Colonel Morton will be Project Officer on this for WED and will make the necessary arrangements for the room, etc., and will advise you as to specific time for this presentation. Please contact him for any further information.

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Cy WADC Ltr  
dtd 22 Jul 55  
(WD-55-12067)

CHARLES H. FERRELL, JR.  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy Commander  
Technical Operations

cc: Col Glasser, WDTS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Terhune

SUBJECT: Scientific Satellite

1. We can anticipate receiving a directive to undertake the development of a scientific satellite along the lines recommended as Phase II by the Stewart Committee.

2. In accordance with our previous discussions on this matter the scientific satellite should become an integrated part of the Convair program. Ramo-Wooldridge will fill the same role as for the ICBM - namely, have systems engineering responsibility in technical direction. However, it is anticipated that instrumentation and other scientific aspects of the orbital object can be delegated in toto to WADC or Cambridge.

3. The following actions are required:

a. Preparation of a detailed development plan.

b. Organizational readjustment within WDT and R-W to accommodate this program.

I would like to review a first cut at a and b on 2 September.

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*Orig - Col. Terhune*

*1 cc - Gen. Schriever's file*

cc: Colonel Morris

Dr. Ramo

Lt Colonel Hudson

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S. Kent

Gen. Schriever

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B. A. SCHRIEVER  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Commander

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Representatives from Convair, headed by Mr. Jim Dempsey, gave a presentation to WDD and R-W personnel on a proposed orbital research and test vehicle (ORTV). Their interest in this came about when they were solicited by WADC last year to make proposals for a Satellite program. When this proposal was cancelled, Convair continued on its own to study the problem. Two solutions were offered by Convair both envisioning a "A" series XSM-65 as a booster. In one version a non-powered Satellite, spherical in shape, 40" in diameter with a weight of 500 pounds including instrumentation could be boosted up into space where it would rotate as a Satellite for from 90 to 130 days. Convair proposed that within this weight, of which batteries were the largest part, research programs including cosmic radiation, micrometeorite information, biological research, through the use of television cameras could be obtained. There appeared to be no question that Convair favored the unpowered version as the simplest approach.

Convair also indicated study of a power<sup>ed</sup> version of the ORTV based upon the XSM-65 series "C" as a booster and a weight of 3500 pounds total for the LOX-hydrocarbon. <sup>with</sup> Pay load would be about 1500 pounds including attitude control and the shape might be spherical or otherwise. This powered version might also be used as a lunar research vehicle.

Considering the time limitations the Convair study appeared to be very thorough. They believe that such a system would work and the non-power<sup>ed</sup> version at least could be gotten into operation very quickly

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after series "6" check-out flights were performed. Convair was very proud of the fact that they spent their own money on this. For full technical details, see the reports which they left. These reports were given to Colonel Norton, WDTD.

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9 September 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Colonel Genex

1. This date Lt Colonel Genex of RDZPI, who is monitoring the Air Force responsibility for scientific satellite activities at the present time, called Lt Colonel Oder in regard to the receipt by Hq ARDC of a directive regarding the Phase 2 Satellite which was signed by General Thatcher, Hq USAF, on 31 August. A copy of this directive has been furnished to General Schriever.

2. General Boyd has been briefed by Colonel Genex on the status of the scientific satellite program and its relationship to the advanced reconnaissance system and to the ICBM program. General Boyd furnished certain guidance on the management on this matter as follows:

a. He would like to see Holloman Air Development Center participate as much as possible in regard to the utilization of technical manpower. Colonel Genex felt that General Boyd meant that this was to apply only to the satellite part of the over-all missile configuration.

b. General Boyd stated that WDD should be affected to the minimum possible extent. WDD should make available their part of the over-all configuration, and have operation control over scheduling of tests and firings where any part of the WDD production is involved.

c. General Boyd basically concurred in the fundamental relations between the Phase 2 scientific satellite and the advanced reconnaissance system.

3. ARDC is calling a meeting consisting of representatives from WDD, WADC, AFRC and HADC during the week of 19 September with the following aims:

a. The group should come up with a firm statement of requirements for resources for the Phase 2 scientific satellite for transmission to Hq USAF (the basic directive did not provide for any specific resources, but requested Hq ARDC to provide an estimate of the cost of the program.)

b. To come up with a management plan for defining the responsibilities and inter-relations of WDD, the advanced reconnaissance system, WADC and any others involved.

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4. Colonel Genex expressed the hope that the following schedule would be met:

a. By 30 September a paper (agreed upon by all parties) to be sent to Hq USAF regarding the resources needed for the program.

b. As soon as possible (by the end of October) a development plan to go to Hq USAF.

5. Colonel Genex felt that WDD should be represented by a person or persons who could speak for the management aspects of WDD responsibility as well as the technical aspects of the problem.

6. The basic question at this time is, "Is the date of 19 September good for WDD to furnish representatives, and will WADC at Dayton, Ohio be a convenient place to meet?"

7. I advised General Schriever of this conversation with Colonel Genex. He approved the date of 19 September and the meeting place of WADC, and stated that WDD representatives will be chosen subsequently.

8. I will advise Colonel Genex of General Schriever's reaction to this matter. Colonel Genex will relay the whole matter officially to WDD by TEX.

SIGNED

FREDERIC C. ODER  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Office of Assistant to Commander  
Headquarters ARDC

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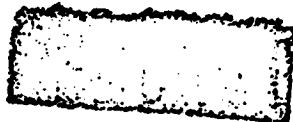
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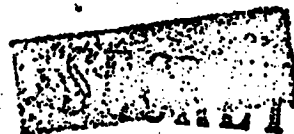
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WDG-9-4-E... PERSONAL FOR GENERAL POWER PD ON 16 SEP I RECEIVED A CALL FROM MR. DEMPSEY CMM CONVAIR THAT RCA IS VISITING THEIR PLANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING COMPLETE INFO ON THE ICBM PROGRAM AS IT RELATES TO USE OF SERIES "B" AND "C" VEHICLES FOR THE SCIENTIFIC SATELLITE AND THE ARS PROGRAMS. PD THIS VISIT WAS NOT COORDINATED WITH OR CLEARED BY THIS OFFICE PD DEMPSEY ALSO INFORMED ME THAT RCA HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ARS PROGRAM WHICH INVOLVES THE USE OF ICBM TEST VEHICLES PD ALSO THAT AS A RESULT OF CONVAIR'S BRIEFING TO HQ ARDC THEY WERE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR A SIX MONTH'S STUDY INVOLVING INTEGRATION OF ICBM TEST VEHICLES WITH THE ARS PROGRAM PD I AM CONCERNED OVER THE ADVERSE EFFECT WHICH THESE UNCOORDINATED ACTIONS CAN HAVE ON THE ICBM PROGRAM PD SIGNED SCHRIEVER

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General Schriever

B. A. SCHRIEVER, Brig. Gen. USAF  
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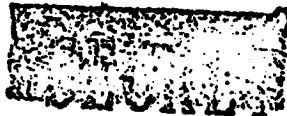
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WDTD-9-19-E ATTN GEN SESSUMS PD REURMSG RDZPI-9-7-E CMM BELIEVE GROUP SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITSELF ONLY WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAN PD UNTIL SUCH A STUDY IS COMPLETED NO INTELLIGENT DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE MANAGEMENT OF A SATELLITE PROGRAM CAN BE MADE PD BASED ON THIS STUDY A PLAN SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO HQ ARDC AND MANAGEMENT DECISION BE MADE AT THAT LEVEL PD OF SPECIFIC INTEREST AND SERIOUS CONCERN OF WDD IS THAT SATELLITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND MANAGEMENT APPROACH SHOULD MEET THE CRITERIA OF MINIMUM INTERFERENCE WITH THE ICBM PD SIGNED SCRIEVER

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22 September 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Attendance at ARS Conference, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

1. In compliance with a request from Hq ARDC, the undersigned attended a conference on the subject of Scientific Satellites and Advanced Reconnaissance Systems at Wright-Patterson AFB on 19, 20 September. Representatives of the following organizations were present: RADC, AFRC, EADC, WADC, Hq ARDC, and office of Assistant Deputy Commander/Weapon Systems. Lt Colonel Genes from General Boyd's office was in charge of the meeting. Colonel William H. Byrnes represented the Weapon Systems office, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

2. The first day was spent primarily in a discussion of a technical approach to the problem. Holloman made a rather detailed presentation on how they would go about building a satellite nose cone. In the afternoon of the first day the meeting was divided into two parts: (a) those to consider costs, and (b) those to consider management. I attended the meeting of those to consider management.

3. Colonel Genes proposed three different methods by which a satellite system could be managed. They are as follows:

a. WDD be responsible for everything except the payload and tracking, this to be a responsibility of AFRC, but that AFRC would operate under direction of WDD.

b. That the Weapon Systems office, WPAFB, be responsible for systems management with WDD being responsible for providing ICRM vehicles and having "operational control" over flight test. Holloman, under this system, would be responsible for supervising the design and fabrication of the nose cone and AFRC for the instrumentation and tracking.

c. Same as b, above, except that Holloman would be in charge of systems management with WDD and AFRC supporting.

In all of these the primary purpose would be the scientific satellite but ARS requirements would be considered in the scientific satellite. At my suggestion, a fourth proposition was considered; namely, the same as a, above, except that no consideration would be given to the ARS requirements at this time. I had no real purpose in suggesting this except that I thought it was necessary in order to complete the entire study.

4. At Colonel Genes's suggestion, these four propositions were examined on the following considerations:

a. Meet IGY requirements

b. ICRM interference

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- c. Additional manpower required
- d. Additional facilities required
- e. Simplicity and speed
- f. Satisfy USAF guidance (letter dated 31 Aug 55 signed by General Thatcher)
- g. Cost
- h. Satisfy ARS needs
- i. Satisfy General Boyd (that ARS and IGY satellite be combined as an integrated system).

The group attempted to evaluate each of the proposals on these items. At the completion of the evaluation, Colonel Genz requested comments from the individual representatives as to which system they recommended. Colonel Baynes spoke up quickly saying that since WDD management was obviously the simplest and easiest, he thought the chances of success were far greater under WDD. I made no comments; I restricted my statements solely to those of a technical nature or in discussions of specific items. I should like to emphasize that at no time did I suggest or imply that responsibility should be with WDD. The only other comment came from Holloman; in their opinion they thought that Holloman should do the job. The meeting adjourned with general agreement that as far as this group is concerned, we had done as much as we were capable of doing and that any decisions were the prerogative of General Power and whenever he wished to consult.

5. Since it is very clear that there can be no satellite, either scientific or otherwise, in the foreseeable future, except as a result of the IIRM program, it is strongly recommended that this should become a systems responsibility of WDD.

SIGNED

HAROLD W. HURON  
 Colonel, USAF  
 Assistant Deputy Commander  
 Technical Operations

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TO	FROM		
Western Development Division ATTN: WDGE	RDGB	Lt Col Oder/id/211	

19 September 1955

Attended, together with Colonel Norton, as WDD representatives, a meeting called by Headquarters ARDC at WADC on the USAF Scientific Satellite Program. Together with Colonel Norton, I furnished information to the conference commensurate with General Schriever's instructions to Colonel Norton on this subject. (Secret)

20 September 1955

By agreement with Mr. Zeller, RDISI, assigned action to RDISI for letter from AFCGM, "Report of Special Security Survey." (Unclassified)

Arranged with Major Jensen, RDQPP, for release of a copy of FSP0-65-1 to WDD for retention. Also discussed with Lt Colonel Ernst of RDGPL this same item and the furnishing of certain other documents listed in AFM 27-1 to WDD. In view of the limited number of these documents in this headquarters and their limited relevance in WS-107A, it is anticipated that RDGPL will arrange to loan documents to WDD for a limited period. (Unclassified)

21 September 1955

Attended briefings of General Power and members of Headquarters ARDC staff by WDD members on the selection of second source airframe contractor and on the TEM. Assisted in staff work in forwarding results of second source airframe contractor selection board, as approved by General Power and General Schriever to Headquarters USAF for approval. (Unclassified)

22 September 1955

Together with Lt Colonels Pellegrini and Genz of RDZPI briefed General Sessums on the background of subjects covered in TWX's WDG-9-4-E and priority TWX 192330Z. General Sessums reaffirmed the position that no interference with WS-107A by either program concerned under RDZPI cognizance (ARS or the Scientific Satellite) could be discontinued. RDZPI prepared replies to the two TWX's and coordinated these with RDGB. (Secret)

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TO: WDD, ATTN: WDGE

FROM: RDGB

DATE: 26 Sep 55

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Prepared essentially a forwarding indorsement to WDD for General Power's signature on letter from DCS/D, Subject: "(Secret) Policy Concerning Air Force Support of British TEM Development" and coordinated same with appropriate staff elements. (Secret)

23 September 1955

Discussed with General Schriever his policy concerning WDD participation or involvement in other programs, such as TEM and scientific satellite. Discussed also the organizational position of the ARDC liaison office. General Schriever decided to leave the office where it is organizationally but we will render full informational support to General Ostrander in his new job as Assistant for Guided Missiles to the Deputy Commander/Weapon Systems.

*Frederic C. E. Oder*

FREDERIC C. E. ODER

Lt Colonel, USAF

Assistant Chief

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL TERPUNE

SUBJECT: Additional Tasks Assigned to the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation.

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to reiterate those additional tasks which from time to time have been assigned the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation and which were not specifically contemplated under the current contract as written or as modified by supplemental agreements. The tasks I refer to are:

a. Studies for the Air Force in connection with the problem of insuring that the ICBM will not be susceptible to the countermeasures that might be employed by the potential enemy. This task is in addition to the anti-countermeasures provisions normally incorporated in a weapon system as a result of anticipating the potential enemy's countermeasure capability.

b. Studies conducted for the Air Force in connection with possible satellite responsibilities of the Western Development Division.

c. Efforts in connection with the Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile Program, including internal studies, reviews of contractor proposals, participation on evaluation groups, etc. These efforts which are a direct result of Ramo-Wooldridge activities in support of the ICBM Program, although related to the Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile problem, are not considered to constitute new work under the contract.

2. It is requested that you advise the Chief, Special Aircraft Project Office, AMC, of these additional tasks and the nature thereof in order that he may enter negotiations with the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation for appropriate contractual coverage.

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B. A. SCHRIEVER  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Commander

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL TERHUNE

SUBJECT: Status of Action Taken to Fund the R-W Contract Over-run.

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1. R-W CLAIM

The R-W Corporation has requested that \$1,000,000 (applied to their contract in Sep) not be considered over-run on their original estimates for the contract period ending 31 October. Instead, they claim these costs were incurred as a result of; (1) new work assigned over and above that originally required and, (2) more accomplishment than that originally contemplated. Accordingly, R-W claims a fee is justified. Their claim is based on the following:

- b. Satellite studies (new work) - \$ 96,900
- a. ~~Anticounter measure studies~~ (new work) - \$ 89,700
- c. IRBM - Including "Fall out" (new work) - \$ 286,300
- d. Operational Base studies (new work) - \$ 138,700
- e. 107A Acceleration (more than contemplated) - \$ 367,100
- TOTAL - \$ 978,700

2. SCHRIEVER MEMO TO TERHUNE

General Schriever requests that AMC provide contractual coverage (pay fee) as follows:

- a. Anticounter measure studies (only on work not directly resulting from ICBM effort).
- b. Satellite studies (all new work).
- c. IRBM studies (only on work not directly resulting from ICBM effort).

3. TERHUNE OPINION

Discussions with Joe Frost re R-W claim indicate a Terhune opinion as follows:

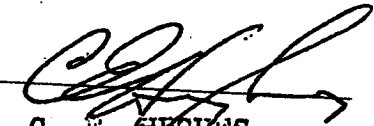
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WDTSP, SUBJECT: Status of Action Taken to Fund the R-W Contract Over-run.

a. Anticounter measure studies - Twenty-five percent (25%) of the work performed by R-W should be considered new work and above the normal expected under a system-development program. Therefore, Seventy-five percent (75%) X 89,700 . . . . .	\$ 22,425
b. Satellite studies - All new work. . . . .	\$ 96,900
c. IRBM studies - New work only where not a direct result of ICBM studies (based on Ramo statement that program dilution by IBM not more than 3 man-months?). R-W estimates sixty percent (60%) of IRBM effort was not "Fall out". Therefore 60% X 286,300. . .	\$ 171,780
d. Operational base studies - not new work . . . . .	0
e. Acceleration of 107A - not new work . . . . .	0
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TOTAL	\$ 291,105

4. PROBLEM

Will fee payment on costs amounting to \$291,105 satisfy the intent of General Schriever's memo and thinking as expressed to you?

  
C. E. HUGHES  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Programs and Procedures Group

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7 October 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Schriever

SUBJECT: Satellites

1. This is a brief resume of activities in WDD on this subject this year. In January Lt Colonel Genes briefed the Advisory Committee on the Advanced Reconnaissance System. As a result of this, R-W was asked to investigate possibilities of using the ICBM as a satellite booster. A low order effort was put on this problem within R-W which resulted in Dr. Fried's report.
2. On 25 May a teletype was received from ARDC, attached as Tab A. This tab should be read in its entirety. To the best of my knowledge, no coordination was made with WDD prior to HADC's presentation at Baltimore on 5 May. As a result of this teletype, we received several requests for ICBM information from HADC. All of this information was supplied. In addition, the undersigned attended an information exchange meeting at HADC in the latter part of May.
3. On 24 June we were notified that we would participate in a presentation to be given to a DOD committee on the subject of satellites (Tab B). On 24 June some members of the Stewart Committee were briefed by Colonel Terhune at WDD on the subject of using the ICBM in connection with the satellite. Dr. Fried's report was the basis for this presentation.
4. On 5 July there was a meeting at ARDC attended by the undersigned and Dr. Fried which put together an Air Force briefing for the Stewart Committee. A dry run of this briefing was given to General Putt on 7 July and presented to the Stewart Committee on 7 July.
5. On 12 August a meeting was held at WDD attended by Mr. Gardner and others in which an Air Force position was established as a result of the Stewart Committee report. As a result of the Stewart report, the IGY Satellite was assigned to the Navy (the Martin Viking to be an integral part).
6. In a letter dated 17 June, General Demlar established a need-to-know for the ARS office at Wright Field in regard to the ICBM data. As a result of this, a briefing was requested on the ICBM program by Wright Field for contractors who are engaged in a study of an ARS (Lockheed, Martin, RCA). A full day's briefing was held at WDD on 23 August on the basic fundamentals of the ICBM program.

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7. In a letter dated 6 September 1955 (Tab C), the Directorate of Systems Management at Wright Patterson stated their requirements for information on the ICEM program to be used by the ARS contractors. Of particular interest is a letter from Bell Aircraft (subcontractor to RCA) attached to this ARS letter, which indicates a tremendous amount of information which at least one of the ARS contractors feels he should know.

8. Early in September, RCA paid a visit to Convair seeking information on the ICEM for use in an ARS study. Tab D is an explanation of this visit from ARDC. You will note that this explanation indicates that the ARS contractors have been requested to submit a test program by 1 November which uses ICEM vehicle performance as a basis for this program.

9. At the request of Colonel Genetz, a meeting was held at Wright Field 19 September to discuss management of an ARS-IGY program (Tab E). The meeting was attended by the undersigned and a trip report is attached as Tab F.

10. On 5 October the local Martin representative requested information on the Convair ICEM which he stated would be necessary for use in Martin's ARS studies.

11. Convair has made a pitch to WDD, Wright Field, Baltimore, and the Pentagon on both a powered and unpowered IGY Satellite. To date, nothing specific has come of this except that Convair (Mr. Dempsey) indicates they have been requested to submit a proposal for a six months' study on this subject.

12. In summation, there has been considerable heat generated by Baltimore, Holloman, and Wright Field on the subject of the IGY and ARS Satellite. Since neither of these projects can proceed in the next several years without utilization of the ICEM, all of these offices have been looking to WDD for information, promises of vehicles, etc. The undersigned has attempted to meet these information requirements and it is believed that we have done so with the exception of detailed information to the ARS study contractors. For the most part, the net result of all of the heat has been the placing of WDD in the unenviable position of not being able to satisfy these agencies with answers they want to hear on either design information or vehicle availability; in particular, it has made us appear uncooperative in the eyes of HADC.

**SIGNED**

HAROLD W. NORTON  
Colonel, USAF  
Assistant Deputy Commander  
Technical Operations

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1. TWX (WD-55-11430) Tab A
2. TWX (WD-55-11743) Tab B
3. Ltr (WD-55-12363) Tab C
4. TWX (WD-55-12484) Tab D
5. TWX (WD-55-12390) Tab E
6. M/R (WDTD-55-17) Tab F

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TO Western Development Division ATTN: WDGE	FROM RDGB	DATE 10 October 1955 L/C Oder/id/211	COMMENT NO. 1
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3 October 1955

1. Discussion with Colonel Miller, RDSI, regarding TWX, WDTF-9-28-S-E to Headquarters USAF, information to Headquarters ARDC. He was unhappy that the TWX went to AFCIE and said that the item for an extension of the rocket sled track at HADC was contrary to General Power's policy. I pointed out that the TWX went to AFCIE because of a previous AFCIE request concerning an additional ten million in FY 56 P-321 money. After I checked with Lt Colonel Swanke, I reassured Colonel Miller that he "was not being cut out of the pattern" and there apparently was some controversy over just what General Power's position on HADC facilities actually was inasmuch as he had indicated approval of the recommendations of the Board of General Officers chaired by General Yates. (Confidential)

2. Coordinated with RDSI on the preparation of a concurring 1st indorsement to a basic letter from Headquarters AOC requesting approximately 1.7 million for Conair and Edwards facilities. (Confidential)

3. In a discussion with General Sessums was advised that Mr. Gardner was scheduling a meeting for 11 October 1955 concerning ATLAS, subject and time unknown. He asked me to check and advise General Power. (Unclassified)

4. Checked with Lt Colonel Ahola regarding 3 above and was told that meeting would be at 1000 hours, 11 October 1955, in the Secretary of Defense Conference Room and would have present by invitation present and potential ATLAS contractors and major subcontractors. The meeting to be chaired by Secretary Wilson would be to impress the attendees with the fact that ATLAS has highest priority per Presidential directive. Mr. Gardner has advised General Schriever. (Secret)

5. Wrote a memorandum to General Power advising him of 4 above. (Unclassified)

4 October 1955

1. Wrote a DF to WDSI regarding what appears to be a security breach in connection with a 1 October 1955 Associated Press dispatch. (Confidential)

2. Received TWX from Headquarters USAF regarding approval of Glenn L. Martin Company as second airframe contractor for WS-107A and prepared TWX to WDD directing immediate implementation and quoting Headquarters USAF TWX. Coordinated TWX with Generals Ostrander and Demler and got same signed off by General Sessums in General Power's absence. Advised Colonel Norton that the TWX (RDGB-10-1-E) was dispatched. (Secret)

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