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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL TERHUNE

SUBJECT: WS 315A, WS 107A-1 - 117L Test Discussions At AFMTC -
February 18, 19, 20.

subsequent to
20 Feb 58

1. Reference Dr. Mettler's memo to you 19 February, subject, "Thor/117L Discussions at AFMTC". Dr. Thiel's telephone information to Dr. Mettler on 19 February was correct. The items I was instructed not to discuss were included in the agenda and the discussions. An explanation is in order.

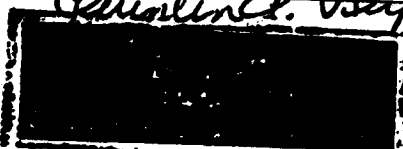
2. Our flight (C-118) scheduled to depart Los Angeles International on 16 Feb. was delayed by weather. Actual departure was 0900 17 Feb., arrival at PAFB was 2300 Patrick time. On arrival, we were informed that the conference was scheduled for 0800 the next morning. These circumstances plus the fact that I received my instructions on the discussions Saturday noon prohibited me from talking to WDCM personnel prior to the meeting.

3. The conference started promptly at 0800 under the chairmanship of Lt. Col. Hiesler. I was first on the agenda (copy attached), copies of the agenda and the "Organization for Test Operations at AFMTC - 117L" (copies attached), were distributed while I was talking.

4. As soon as Lt. Col. Green had completed his discussion of the relationship of WS 315A with 117L, I requested a recess of the conference to discuss privately the Item 4 on the agenda, "Relationship of DSD - Douglas and Convair in flight test operations". WDCM members pointed out that the "Organization for operations, Test planning and Data handling" had been approved by Col. Eichel who was aware of all of the circumstances surrounding the 117L Program and its relations with R-W which I pointed out. This being the case, they saw no reason for delaying the discussion and as chairman, decided to go ahead.

5. As you can see from the attached charts, the WDCM approach to the flight test operations problems of 117L almost exactly duplicates the test procedures generated by Colonel's Glasser, Odar, Jacobson, and Porter. Discussion of these plans progressed very smoothly with only minor modifications suggested by the concerned members. Minutes of the meetings, being prepared by WDCMR, will probably show acceptance of the organization for 117L test operations with certain minor modifications.

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