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DEF: 964914 FROM ARPA SIGNED GMC

Reference verbal discussions at AFMD between Col. Evans and staff and 1/COL. Nadler ARPA on 26 August. This message in four parts. Part one, SAMOS readout program. AFMD recommendations to proceed with negotiations on the SAMOS readout program as described in the 21-24 July briefing are approved. You are authorized to negotiate with Lockheed on the basis of the current statement of work and schedule for which the cost is estimated by AFMD to be $133.7 million. Every effort must be made in negotiations to reduce this cost downward to $135 million without cutback in effort. Upon receipt of definitive costs from the contractor these will be reviewed with ARPA. If excessive costs exist a decision will be made whether to proceed on that basis, whether to proceed with a higher risk program with attendant reduction in work areas such as spares backup and/or reliability testing or whether schedules should be adjusted.

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L/Col. Paul O. Nadler

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Part two. SSSS recovery program. A decision to proceed with
the recovery portion of the program has been made. You are authorized
to proceed immediately with contract award on E-5 camera only to
protect lead time. Data on costs and schedules is urgently needed
to determine rate of effort for complete recovery program. Request
as soon as possible funds required for total recovery program for
FY '66 by months beginning September 1959; also total funds required
for FY '61 recovery program subject to a maximum availability for
FY '61 of $25 million. Show program schedule and areas of work by
subsystem with explanatory or narrative description. Request also
alternate recovery program breakout in same manner to show minimal
effort which will provide a balanced program providing planned E-5
development during FY '60 and necessary portions of recovery capsule
engineering but deferring order of boosters and AGENA vehicles in
consonance with schedule for high resolution recovery shots shown
in 30 January development plan.

Part three. MIDAS development plan. Present schedule for
submission MIDAS development plan approximately November 1959
unacceptable. Request as soon as possible letter outline of MIDAS
development plan showing schedule, description of major work areas
and funds apportionment within work areas for $46.9 million FY '60
level of effort. Recognize non-availability of firm cost quotes
from contractor prior 15 October. Desire best internal estimate as
to feasibility of implementing reoriented program with rephased
launch schedule within funding limitations.
Part four. Advise dates for submission of SAMOS recovery and MEADAS development plan outline described above.