

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



REPLY TO
ATTN OF AFOCE-CS

14 MAR 1960

SUBJECT: Construction Delay, SAMOS Program, Vandenberg Air Force Base, California

TO: AFDAT

1. References:

a. Letter to AFDAT, Subject: FY 60 Facility Program for SAMOS and MIDAS, dated 11 September 1959.

b. Letter to AFABF, Subject: Requirement for Funds for Construction of FY 60 SAMOS and MIDAS Facilities, dated 13 October 1959.

c. Memorandum for Director, ARPA, Subject: Request for Construction Funds for Facilities Supporting SAMOS R&D Program, dated 8 February 1960.

d. Construction Fund Request, Submission No. AF-7A-60-17 to Director of Budget, Comptroller of the Air Force, dated 2 March 1960.

2. The above references are all pertinent to the effort of the Air Force to obtain funds for the SAMOS, MIDAS program that were appropriated to ARPA. To date, the Air Force has been required to obtain funds in small increments by justifying individual construction projects. This procedure often becomes embroiled in interpretation of program phasing, fund transfer gyrations, etc. Delay of the second increment of the Sunnyvale, California Development Control Center was avoided only by the Air Force using funds from another program while awaiting transfer of ARPA monies to the Air Force.

3. FY 60 funds in amount of \$1,425,000 have been requested, by ref 1.d. above, for purposes of awarding contracts for SAMOS facilities at Vandenberg Air Force Base and Pt. Arguello. In response to AFBMD's request for funds on 16 February 1960 advance advertising was authorized for those facilities. The facilities at Vandenberg AFB have been advertised, bids opened and the construction agency is now waiting for funds so that the construction contracts may be awarded. One of the critical items at Vandenberg AFB is the laboratory for Sub-System "L". This facility is required by 15 May 1960 and is being slipped on a day-to-day basis while awaiting funding action, (Ref 1.c. above).

4. If the Air Force is to expect timely construction of facilities for the SAMOS, MIDAS program, it is imperative that funds be made available in time to meet contract award schedules.

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5. It is again requested that your office take every possible action to accelerate the availability of funds as requested in reference l.a. above.



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