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HEADQUARTERS  
**AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND**

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Andrews Air Force Base  
Washington 25, D.C.



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: **RDY**

14 JUN 1960

SUBJECT: (U) Exploitation of Initial SAMOS Data

TO: Hq USAF (AFDSD-AT)  
Wash 25, D. C.

INFO TO: CINCSAC            ADC            AMC            AFBMD

1. Reference your letter dated 1 June 1960, subject as above. In compliance with the actions directed therein, a meeting was held at the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, Los Angeles, California on 2-3 June 1960, at which there was representation from this headquarters, AFGIN, AFDAT, Hq SAC and AFBMD. In consequence thereof, the SAMOS Development Plan is being revised as soon as possible within the ground rules specified in the referenced letter.
2. In addition, action is being taken to re-examine Subsystem I to determine whether it is possible to simplify this Subsystem by separating the ferret aspects from the photo. Cognizance is being taken of the limited value of the data from early R&D flights of the F-1 and F-2 Subsystems. Further, the minimum essential equipment list for the processing of intelligence data which may accrue from the early R&D flights is being prepared.
3. It is requested that the separate correspondence pertaining to specific changes and funding mentioned in the first paragraph of the above referenced letter and the further guidance referred to in paragraph 5 thereof, be furnished this headquarters as soon as possible in order that the information may be integrated into the revised Development Plan.
4. The phraseology "SAMOS interim operational capability" in the first sentence of paragraph 4 of the basic communication is interpreted to mean "exploitation of the take during the R&D flights."
5. Furthermore, comments in that same paragraph pertaining to the location of this proposed SAMOS capability are interpreted by this command as a relief from the provisions of the AFDAT letter to the Commander, ARDC, dated 7 August 1959, subject: (U) Development of SAMOS.

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5. This headquarters expects to be prepared to brief the Air Force Ballistic Missile Committee on or about 15 July 1960.



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