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TO: GENERAL BRITZ CHIEF OF STAFF; FOR GENERAL ANDERSON COMARDC. REFERENCE MEMORANDUM FROM MR. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR ANPA, TO COMDR AFPMO, SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON DISCOVERER, SENTRY AND MIDAS PROGRAMS, DTD 23 FEB 59.

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TO: ADD TO COMARDC. THE MEMORANDUM TAKES ISSUE WITH STATEMENTS CONCERNING PROGRAM INSTABILITY AND FINANCIAL FUNDING WHICH WERE MADE BY AFPMO IN THE MILITARY SATELLITE PROGRAM STATUS REPORT FOR THE NORTH HEMISPHERE 31 JAN 59. COMDR AFPMO DOES NOT BELIEVE THE MEMORANDUM REQUIRES A REPLY. AFPMO HAS, SUBSEQUENT TO THE MEMO, RECEIVED FULL PROGRAM APPROVAL AND FUNDING FOR THE FY 59 SENTRY AND DISCOVERER PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING FACT SHEET IS SUBMITTED IN EXPLANATION OF THE STATEMENTS MADE BY COMDR AFPMO IN THE REFERENCED MEMORANDUM.

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COMDR AFPMO (HEADQUARTERS) LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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MEMORANDUM.

HARRY L. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Director for WS HZL

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10. 25 SEP 58 - TXR WDCB 9-21-E AFFID TO ARPA REQUESTED RELEASE OF TOTAL FY 59 PROGRAM BUT NOT LESS THAN TOTAL BY 1 OCT 58. 105.0

11. 25 SEP 58 - TXR DEF 946618 ARPA TO BMD INCREASED FY 59 FUNDING TO 136.2 MILLIONS, CONFIRMED BY AMENDMENT 4 TO ARPA ORDER 9-58.

12. 16 NOV 58 ARPA ORDER 48-59 ESTABLISHED DISCOVERER AS SEPARATE FROM WS 117L (SENTRY) PROGRAM.

13. 9 DEC 58 ARPA DIRECTED REORIENTATION OF SENTRY/ DISCOVERER PROGRAMS TO REDUCE COST AND CHANGE SOME OBJECTIVES.

14. 19 DEC 58 TXR WDCB 12-3-E AFFID TO ARPA REQUESTED FY 59 TOTAL FUNDS NOT LATER THAN 10 JAN 59.

15. 8 JAN 59 TXR WDCB 1-3-E AFFID TO ARPA FOLLOW-UP ON MESSAGE WDCB 12-3-E, WORK STOPPAGE IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS NOT RELEASED BY 20 JAN 59.

16. 21 JAN 59 - AMENDMENT 7 TO ARPA ORDER 9-58 INCREASED AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO 148.2 MILLIONS

17. 30 JAN 59 REVISED SENTRY AND SEPARATE DISCOVERER DEVELOPMENT PLANS PUBLISHED. COMBINED TOTAL FY 59 215 MILLIONS.

18. 16 FEB 59 - AMENDMENT 8 TO ARPA ORDER 48-59 9-58 (SENTRY) REDUCED AMOUNT FROM 148.2 TO 96.6. CONCURRENTLY, AMENDMENT 1 TO ARPA ORDER 48-59 (DISCOVERER) RELEASED 104.3. PROGRAM TOTAL

OF 200.9 EXCLUDING FACILITIES. FACILITIES ON ARPA ORDER 41-59 ADJUSTED BY AMENDMENT 2 FROM 9.827 TO 9.0. ARPA PROGRAM TOTAL ALL ORDERS

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B. CHRONOLOGY OF MIDAS PROGRAM.

1. 15 SEP 58 BERRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DELETED IN

DESTRUCTION OF ICBM FROM BERRY PROGRAM AT ARPA DIRECTION.

2. 17 SEP 58 ICBM ATTACK ALARM SUPPLEMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

PLAN PUBLISHED BY AFBMD.

3. 10 OCT 58 AFBMD INFORMED HQ ARDC THAT 1.855 MILLIONS

REQUIRED TO CONTINUE SATELLITE INFRARED ICBM ATTACK ALARM SYSTEM

15 OCT THRU 15 DEC 58, PENDING DECISION ON PROGRAM.

4. 24 OCT 58 HQ USAF PROVIDED 1.855 AS REQUESTED FOR

PROPOSED ATLAS-BOOSTED IN PROGRAM.

5. 5 NOV 58 ARPA ORDER 38-59 ESTABLISHED MIDAS (MISSILE

DEFENSE ALARM SYSTEM) R&D PROGRAM RECOMMENDING THUR-BOOSTED FLIGHTS.

FUNDED .75 MILLIONS FOR NOV 58 THRU JAN 59.

6. 15 DEC 58 HQ USAF PROVIDED 1.5 MILLIONS FOR 15

DEC 58 THRU 15 JAN 59 FOR ATLAS BOOSTED PROGRAM.

7. 15 JAN 59 HQ USAF FUNDED 1.5 FOR 15 JAN THRU 15

FEB FOR ATLAS BOOSTED MIDAS PROGRAM.

8. 30 JAN 59 MIDAS DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLISHED BY

AFBMD AND BRIEFED TO ARPA AND HQ USAF. TOTAL FY 59 FUNDING

REQUESTED 37.2 MILLIONS ATLAS-BOOSTED FLIGHTS NOT THUR.

9. 13 FEB 59 AFBMD ASKED HQ USAF FOR 4.75 TO CARRY

MIDAS AS DEFINED IN 30 JAN 59 DEVELOPMENT PLAN 15 FEB THRU 15 MAR 59.

10. STATUS AS OF 25 FEB 59. TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED *utilized*

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