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TO : COPS USAF WASHINGTON, D.C.
INFO : ARDC ANDREWS AFB MARYLAND
NR : VC 0206

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Info: General Schriever.

Subject: (U) SAMOS and MIDAS. This msg in 5 parts.

PART I. Reference is made to your message, AFCVC 98219, dated 21 Dec 59, which (a) stated that the AFBMC will examine the possibility of financing AFEMC approved items by reprogramming from within current resources; (b) requested SAC to submit any recommendations or reductions from within SAMOS and MIDAS or from SAC weapon systems considered to be of a lesser priority.

PART II. The basic SAC position is that "warning is everyone's business" and that any further slippage in the operational dates for SAMOS and MIDAS may very well jeopardize national security. Without adequate strategic intelligence and warning, all of the DOD atomic strike units will be vulnerable to a surprise attack.

PART III. Accordingly, it is our conviction that the lack of an adequate collection system for strategic intelligence and warning is one of the biggest deficiencies in the USAF. Therefore, all areas, not just strategic systems, should be examined in order to obtain the monies required to meet an operational date of 1 July 62 for SAMOS and Jan 63 for MIDAS.

PART IV. To insure that only the minimum essential requirements are being reflected into SAMOS and MIDAS, SAC, by message on
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16 and 30 Dec 59 to ARDC has requested a SAC/ARDC meeting to jointly review the programs and to coordinate on the forthcoming AFBMC presentation.

PART V. SAC recommendations in response to your 21 Dec 59 message will be made during the briefings scheduled by AFDAT message 61415 dated 7 January 1960.

Howard

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