1. On 27 May the Under Secretary of the Air Force delivered a memorandum to the Chief of Staff suggesting our plans for Sanos. As a result of this memorandum, a letter was also dispatched by the Deputy Chief of Staff Development on 2 June. On the same date, Deputy Chief of Staff Development requested Deputy Chief of Staff Operations to obtain air staff guidance on four major questions asked by the Under Secretary which have major operational implications. The four questions are:

a. Should the Air Force plan ultimately to establish the complete operational data handling, display and control elements of SANOS and MIDAS at the old Martin Bomber Plant?

b. If not, or if there is serious question as to such desirability, is it sound to reactivates a discrete area of this large plant for the interim operational equipment?

c. Should the entire complex be considered as basically a "penetrate" operation with survivability of all or part of the equipment of little importance.

d. Is it necessary or desirable to co-locate data handling and processing facilities with future control centers and should the SANOS and MIDAS control centers be integrated?

2. This letter forwards a recommended air staff position to General Wilson who has indicated he will dispatch it to the addresses indicated.

Recommendations

3. That the attached letter be signed.

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Proposed for AEFD 6-16-60
Reference your 1 June memorandum requesting Headquarters USAF guidance on four questions asked by Secretary Chary, in his 27 May letter to the Chief of Staff, recommend the attached letter be forwarded to the addressees indicated. This position has been concurred in throughout my organization, by the DCS PAF and by working level people in your organization. General Walsh's non-concurrence is attached.

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1. Ltr to ARDC, SAC, ADC
2. Ltr fr AFCIN, 21 Jun 60