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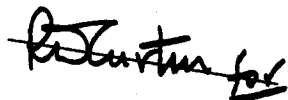
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FOREWORD

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This supplement to the SAMOS Development Plan presents the development/operational concept for the SAMOS reconnaissance system and the plan for obtaining an operational configuration. It presents the over-all plan for organization, operations and logistics, and describes the method of exploitation of intelligence data derived from the system during both the R&D and operational phases.

Revisions and/or amendments will be made to this document as required. In these instances, all recipients will be furnished copies of appropriate changes.


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I. GENERAL

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The SAMOS weapon system is being developed to provide a space reconnaissance and data processing system which will permit the collection, processing and dissemination of visual and electronic reconnaissance data of the entire world surface mass, on a recurring basis.
2. This plan describes the method for exploitation of the intelligence data collected during the R&D program, and the incorporation of military personnel into the weapon system to provide for the ultimate operational capability. The projected operationally ready date is mid 1963.
3. Subsequent to the system transfer date, it is mutually agreed that ARDC will be given free access to all SAMOS facilities as may be required for purposes of installation, checkout, field testing and continued R&D elements of the system that may remain to be integrated into the over-all system. This access will recognize the need for AFBMD contractors to continue their normal on-site tasks in support of the R&D program under the direction of AFBMD.
4. The three phase development of the system recognizes the stated requirement to provide an operational system at the earliest possible date. To do so, requires incremental additions to the basic R&D configuration which will permit a logical and fundamentally sound improvement in system reliability and capability. These additions consider the lead times incident to the design and development of facilities and equipment necessary to the ultimate system design. The development operations additions are to be funded in FY 60-61 and provide the necessary preliminary work for:
 - a. Personnel subsystem development efforts in human engineering, manuals and QPRI to support operational development.
 - b. Engineering design and modification of equipment and facilities to support the expanded system launch, control and processing capability. These efforts will also have application to the MIDAS system.
5. The FY 1962 and 1963 additions will provide the final operational configuration and system exploitation capability in consonance with the developmental progress to that time. These additions will provide:
 - a. 576A launch complex and MAB
 - b. T/A stations at Ottumwa and Ft Stevens
 - c. SOC/DPF at Offutt AFB

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3. Intelligence derived from SAMOS will be disseminated in flash, operations immediate, or detailed reports, in accordance with its bearing on the national intelligence objectives. Priority will be as follows:

- a. Priority 1 - Warning of attack
- b. Priority 2 - Warning of possible preparation for attack
- c. Priority 3 - Strike target intelligence
- d. Priority 4 - Penetration of air defenses

C. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

1. A modified ATLAS booster will provide the initial propulsive power to the SAMOS satellite vehicle. Separation will occur on attaining the proper velocity, altitude and attitude. As the booster falls away, the payload bearing space vehicle will continue in a self-stabilized pre-terminated coast to a programmed altitude. At the termination of the coast phase, time to fire computations or internal programming will activate the satellite vehicle's internal power plant to attain proper orbital velocity. Internal controls will stabilize the vehicle in the proper attitude. The vehicle will be programmed to activate and deactivate sensing equipment in various target areas in accordance with programs directed by tracking and acquisition ground stations as computed by the SOC to meet intelligence requirements. The satellite vehicle orbital period will be approximately 90 minutes. The vehicle will continue around the earth and when within range of a ground receiving station, and upon receipt of a coded signal, satellite vehicle readout sensory equipment will transmit the recorded data. This data will be relayed to the Data Processing Facility, where it will be processed by the data processing squadron and then transmitted to using agencies. In case of a recovery payload, the vehicle will receive re-entry commands from a designated instrumentation station. After air or surface pick-up, the payload will be couriered to the DPF for processing. Expected useful life for early versions of both systems is one to three months.

2. The two methods of data collection will be:

a. Readout Program:

(1) Visual Reconnaissance (Subsystem "E"). The reconnaissance equipment for the visual reconnaissance readout portion of the SAMOS program consists of the satellite-borne equipment required to collect information in the visible spectrum, to process and store this information, and on a command signal from the ground to convert stored images to appropriate signals for transmission to the ground. In addition to the satellite-borne equipment, related ground-based equipment will be required to take the output of the satellite-borne data link and reconstitute the signal into photographic form for system control purposes, vehicle equipment adjustment, engineering

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(2) Recovery Operation

(a) Recovery operation will be accomplished through an aerial recovery system employing C-119 and RC-121 aircraft with a Navy seaborne unit for back-up purposes. The recovery area is approximately 1350 NM in range and 700 NM in crossrange. Within this area there are sub areas as small as 225 NM by 70 NM.

(b) The payload re-entry capsule is intercepted by a C-119 at 14,000 feet (recovery can be effected as low as 1000 feet). If the C-119(s) are unable to engage the payload parachute with its grappling hooks, and the capsule impacts in the water, recovery will then be effected by ships of the surface force.

(c) The capsule detection devices are as follows:

- 1 Chaff-1 pound yielding an 1800 square foot radar cross section
- 2 Silvered parachute-radar reflective
- 3 Flashing lights-operate at 1.5 second intervals for approximately 10 hours
- 4 Recovery beacon-640 milliwatt output
- 5 Fluorescent dye as sea marker

2. Control

(1) Satellite Test Center, Sunnyvale, California: The STC will exercise over-all control of the R&D SAMOS flight test operations. It will serve as the focal point of all systems status data preceding and during R&D test operations. It will be the hub of the command and communications network, and will be responsible for launch commands, satellite adjustment commands, mission control and quality control.

(2) Space Operations Control (SOC), Offutt AFB, Nebraska

System control for the operational program will emanate from this facility. Functions within this facility include operations scheduling and analysis, launch control, satellite vehicle adjustment commands to T/A sites, quality control monitoring, and satellite vehicle mission control. Launch and satellite technical command and control requirements for MIDAS will emanate from within the MOC to the SOC.

d. Data Handling:

(1) The Data Processing Facility (DPF) Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska: The DPF will be responsible for processing all useable

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f. Launch:

(1) Launch Complex #1, Pt Arguello: The SAMOS R&D launch complex will consist of 2 launch stands, a control blockhouse and missile assembly building. (The MAB will be located at VAFB). Although intended primarily as an R&D facility, these facilities will support other programs as required.

(2) 576A Launch Complex, VAFB: This three-stand ATLAS launch complex located on VAFB will be modified to support SAMOS vehicle launchings for the operational program; R&D launchings will be supported to the maximum extent required and supportable. In addition a supporting MAB will be released with the complex.

D. COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Hq USAF:

Hq USAF will establish the relative priority of intelligence requirements on a continuous basis and furnish these to the Commander, SAC, in the form of specific SAMOS intelligence reconnaissance requirements.

2. Air Research and Development Command (ARDC): ARDC will exercise command jurisdiction of all SAMOS field organizations and will prepare plans and directives necessary for the achievement of an operational capability in consonance with stated USAF requirements. When the system has proved its operational design capabilities command jurisdiction will be transferred to SAC.

3. Strategic Air Command (SAC):

a. SAC will be the ultimate user and operator of the SAMOS weapon system

b. SAC will provide ARDC advice and assistance on intelligence collection and processing matters, as required, during the development of the SAMOS operational capability.

c. SAC will participate in the planning activities and formulation of those aspects of the system appropriate to operational employment.

4. Air Materiel Command (AMC): AMC will assure support responsibilities for the SAMOS operational program and will prepare the necessary logistics plans.

5. Air Training Command (ATC):

a. ATC, in coordination with AFEMD, will develop and publish personnel training concepts in support of the system.

b. ATC will provide training, as required, based on the time-phased, quantitative and qualitative requirements submitted by AFEMD.

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II. INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS

1. All reconnaissance data collected during the R&D phase, the development operations phase, or the operational phase will be handled only by Air Force personnel. Flight data required by the contractor for R&D purposes will be provided by the Air Force after it has been reviewed and sanitized. The data will be considered as useful raw information, beginning with the first instrumented R&D flights, as well as the operational follow-on flights. This material will be processed by Air Force personnel and placed, as soon as possible, into intelligence channels for further exploitation. The processing and utilization of the data will be achieved generally, in three separate but related phases. These are:

a. Phase I. Processing and exploitation during this phase will provide, on a timely basis, initial or critical information required for intelligence activities and as directed by ACS/I. In addition, orbital information will be furnished the DPF, so that payload data can be related accurately to the actual geographic location of the vehicle during its orbit.

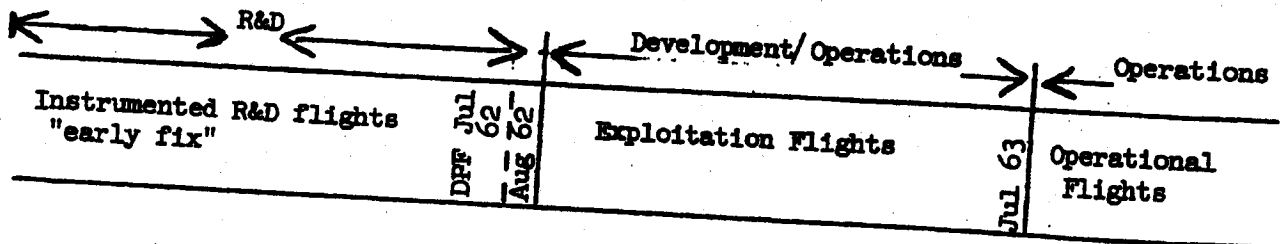
b. Phase II. Second phase processing and exploitation will produce intelligence for support of a quick reaction capability. The out-puts of Phase I processing, in the form of initial intelligence information and select source material, will be integrated with other collateral material, and the SAMOS derived data will lose its identity in the over-all intelligence product. Items such as national intelligence estimates, ELINT order of battle, missile order of battle, and air order of battle, will be produced and disseminated. Phase II exploitation will be accomplished by intelligence producing agencies other than the SAMOS Intelligence Processing Center. The DPF will function as an additional source of basic intelligence information.

c. Phase III. Third phase processing and exploitation will expand the data and material produced during phases I and II. The third phase will include: (1) Production of studies resulting from detailed search, analysis and evaluation of all source material; (2) graphics, such as topographic maps, geodetic data sheets, air navigation and target materials.

d. The three incremental program development to operational phases described earlier are:

- (1) Minimum R&D
- (2) Development/Operations
- (3) Operations

These are graphically illustrated, with their application to intelligence processing and handling as follows:



(2) To the Strategic Air Command, during the "early fix" operation, standard formats of the reassembled record.

(3) To the Strategic Air Command, following the "early fix" operation, and as fast as the capability can be developed, copies of the daily take in required formats. Photo outputs will be titled using geodetic control points, if feasible. Reports will be rendered as directed by the D/I SAC.

(d) D/I, Hq SAC will receive, process and disseminate the photo material as directed by the ACS/I, Hq USAF.

(e) ACS/I, Hq USAF, will provide the D/I, Hq SAC, with the standing requirements for the dissemination of processed intelligence to include, but not be limited to, classification, format, reports required, list of recipients and quantities.

(4) Subsystem "F" (ELINT): The following responsibilities and functions pertain to the flow and processing of the reconnaissance system data resulting from the ferret payload:

a. The instrumentation Squadrons (T/A stations), will provide tracking, telemetry, calibration, attitude and raw elint reconnaissance data to the STC/SOC.

b. The STC/SOC will provide raw elint data, orbital navigation data, calibration tables, including confidence tags and attitude data to the DP at Offutt Air Force Base.

c. During the early fix operation, the DPF at Offutt Air Force Base will provide engineering feedback to the STC and the following ELINT outputs to the Strategic Air Command:

(1) Frequency by area presentation of intercept data

(2) Resolved and emitter fix locations (non dense areas).

(3) Information on unusual signals. These outputs will be provided on hard copy printouts, IBM 727 tape and/or punched cards, as required.

B. Exploitation Program (August 1962 - July 1963)

1. Electronic Readout:

All of the functions noted in paragraph E3 will continue to be performed in this period, however, those functions noted for accomplishment at the STC in Palo Alto will be performed entirely by the Space Operations Control at Offutt Air Force Base. The STC and the DSL will be required to continue in an R&D role to provide advanced control and data processing equipment and techniques, and the incorporation of such techniques and equipment into the operating system, as required to fulfill over-all objectives.

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- a. F-2 - August 1962
- b. E-2 - February 1963
- c. E-5 - December 1962

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IV. LOGISTICS

A. GENERAL

1. Logistic support of the operational phase of the SAMOS space program will be in accordance with the logistic plan developed by the AMC.
2. Logistic support of the R&D phase of the SAMOS space program will be managed by AFEMD (ARDC).
3. Logistic support of the Development/Operations Phase of the SAMOS space program will be the joint responsibility of AFEMD and AMC. AFEMD will have the responsibility while equipment is in an R&D status, with AMC assuming support responsibility on a phased basis as equipment is declared to be operationally configured.
4. Logistic support of the operational phase of the SAMOS space program will be managed by the AMC. SMAMA has been designated by Hq AMC to accomplish the AMC responsibilities in this area.
5. Common and standard item support of the R&D and Test Programs will be provided by AMC based on requirements established by AFEMD.
6. Operational program organic logistics support at all levels will be the objective, in consonance with Hq USAF material guidance documents.
7. Logistic support for the operational program will be contracted only for those workloads for which Air Force organic capability has not yet been developed.
8. Logistic support for the operational program will be based on the following concepts:
 - a. Management by Weapon System
 - b. Fast, accurate communication
 - c. Automatic Data Processing
 - d. Appropriate responsive transportation
 - e. Air Force organic maintenance support
 - f. Source to user supply
 - g. Slow build-up of peculiar item inventory
 - h. Minimum inventory stock levels
 - i. Minimum pipeline times

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- j. Supply support by EDPS
- k. Automatic resupply of storage sites
- l. Selected item management (Hi-value, Low-value, Kit concept)
- m. Centralized control of both depot and organizational stocks.
- n. Minimum administration at user level.

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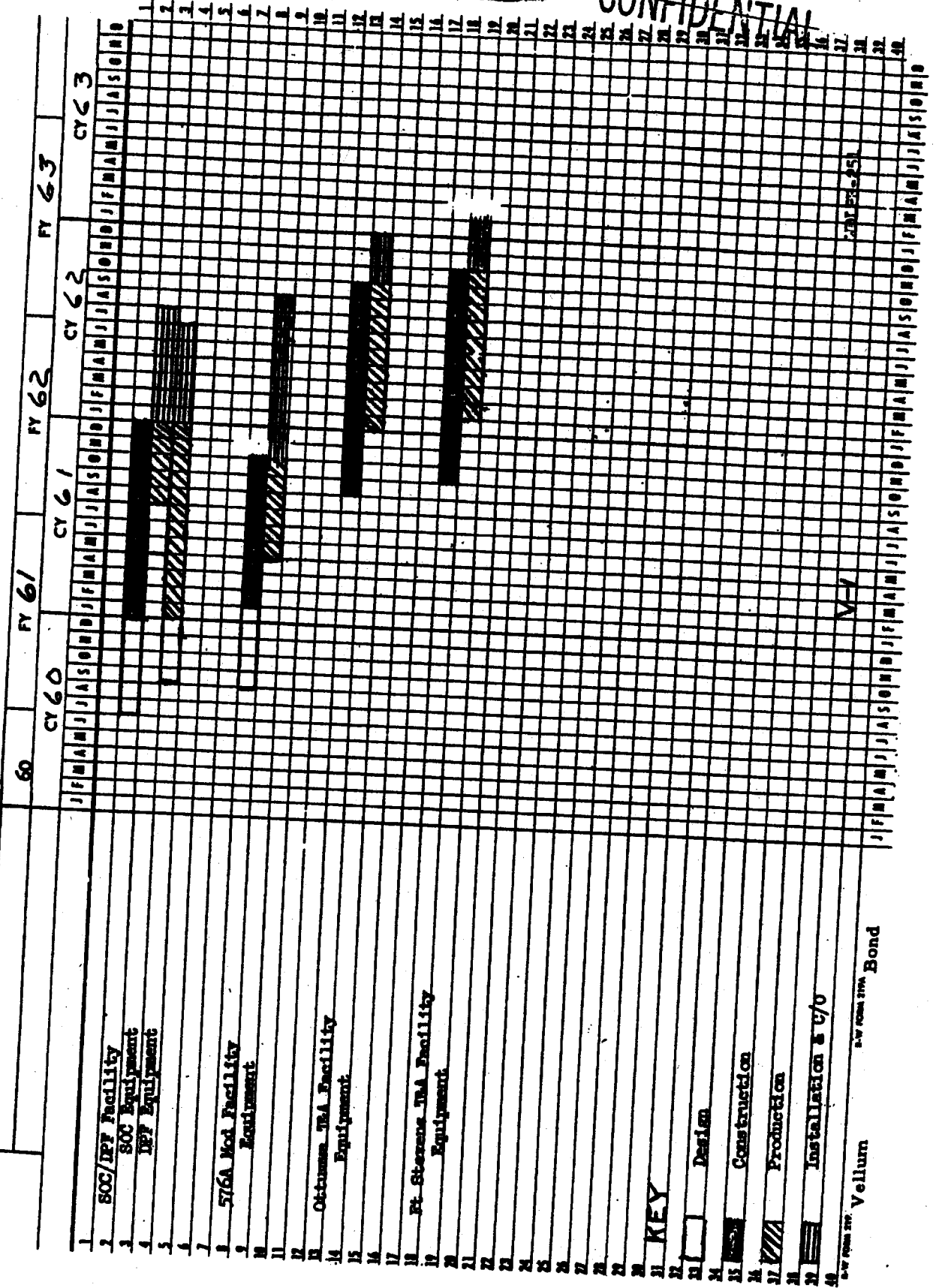
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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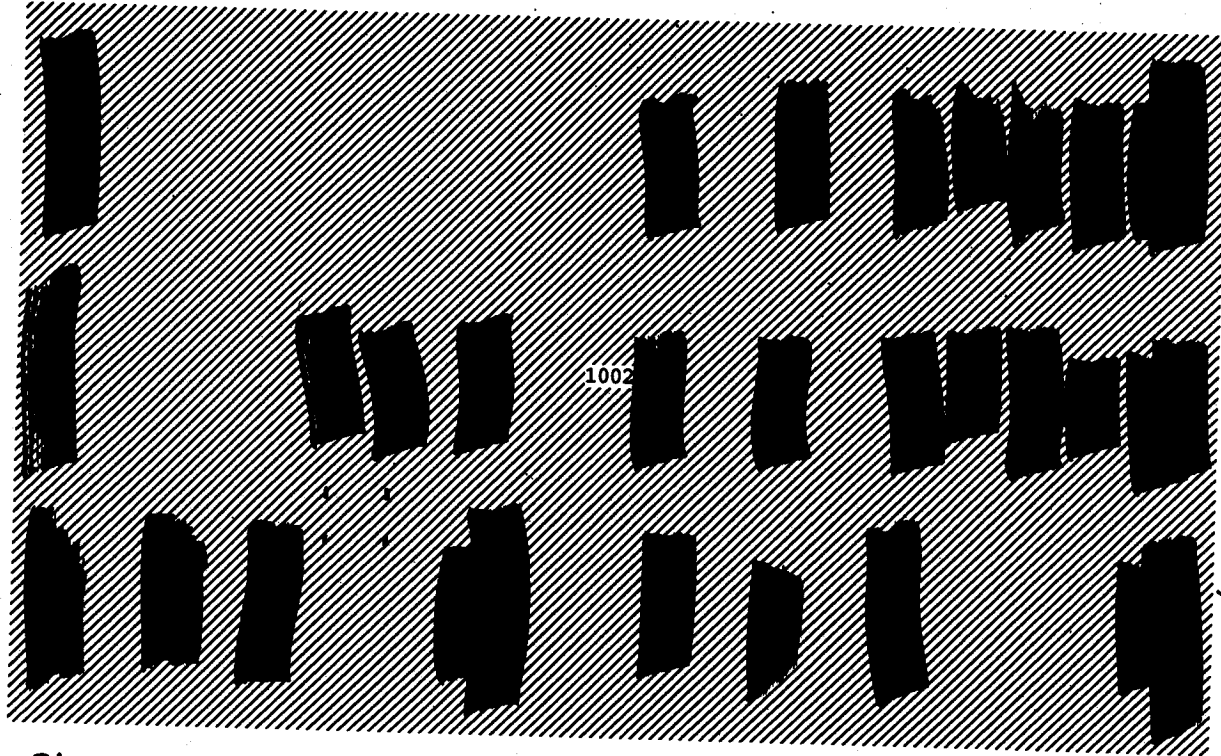
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PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF FUNDS REQUIRED (In Millions)



PRIOR FY 60

<u>Facilities</u>		
576A - - - - -		
Space Operations Control/Data Processing Facilities - - - .9		
Ottumwa T/A - - - - -		
Ft Stevens T/A - - - - -		
Facilities Design - - - - -		.8
Facilities Total	<u>.9</u>	<u>.8</u>
<u>System Equipping</u>		
576A Equip Design and Production Engr - - 2.6		
576A Equipment Procurement - - - - -		
SOC Equip Design & Production Engr .8		
SOC Equipment Procurement - - - - -		
DPF Equip Design & Production Engr - 2.2		
DPF Equipment Procurement - - - - -		
Alaska Addition Equipment - - - - -		
Ottumwa Equipment Procurement - - - - -		
Ft Stevens Equipment Procurement - - - - -		
Boosters, Agenas, Payloads - - - - -		
Equipment Sub-totals carried to V1-2 - <u>5.6</u>		

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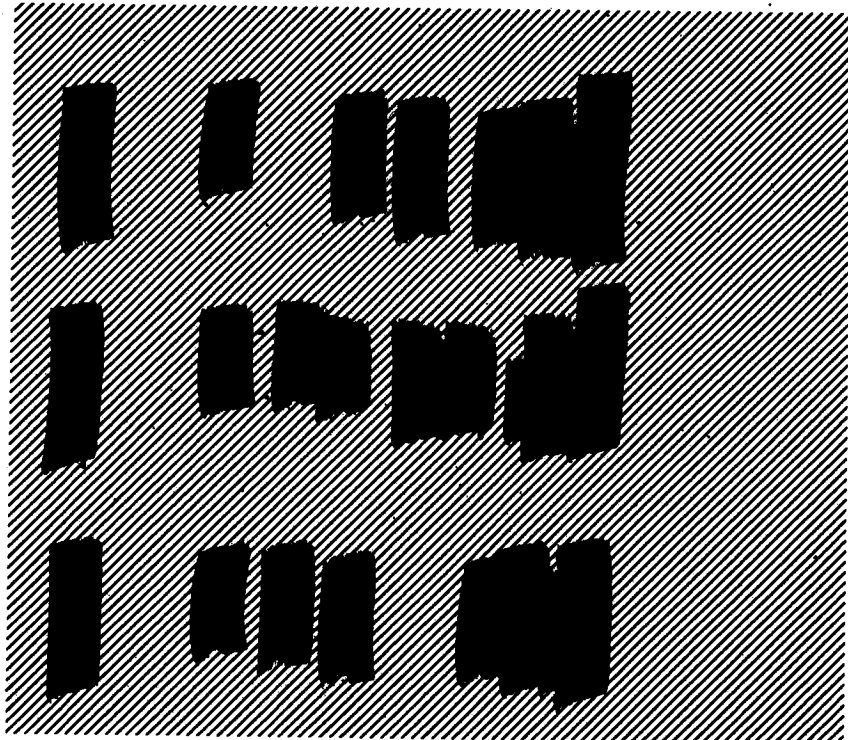
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Personnel Subsystem Development	
Human Engineering - - - - -	.2
QPRI - - - - -	.1
Manuals - - - - -	1.0
Logistic Support - - - - -	.8
Training Parts - - - - -	
Equipping totals	<u>7.7</u>
Grand Total	<u>.900</u>
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FACILITIES

A. GENERAL:

1. This section contains the consolidated facility requirements for SAMOS operational program which must be included in the FY 1960, 1961 and 1962 Military Construction Program to insure their availability on a schedule compatible with the other phases of the total system effort. Facilities shown herein are required to support the following functions of the program: booster and vehicle assembly and checkout; launch; guidance; satellite tracking; control and telemetry; data reception, interpretation and dissemination.
2. Boosters, vehicles and payloads will be reassembled, checked out and maintained in the Missile Assembly Facilities at Vandenberg AFB. During the 1960-62 time period Assembly Facilities programmed for SAMOS R&D will satisfy both the R&D and development operational launches. As the combined R&D and development operational launch requirements increase in late 1962, additional facilities will be made available by modification and extension of the ATLAS 576A Missile Assembly Building.
3. During the 1960-62 time period launch facilities programmed for SAMOS R&D at Point Arguello will satisfy most of the R&D and development operational launches. As the combined R&D and development operational launch requirements increase in late 1962 additional launch facilities will be made available by modification of the ATLAS 576A complex at Vandenberg AFB.
4. Tracking and Data Acquisition Stations located at Vandenberg AFB; Kaena Point, Hawaii; New Boston, New Hampshire; Ottumwa, Iowa; and Fort Stevens, Oregon have been planned for the SAMOS R&D and operational programs.
5. A Space Operations Control and Data Processing Facility will be provided at Offutt AFB by August 1962 to serve as a command, administrative and control center and intelligence data processing center for the SAMOS operational program. An interim data processing facility will be provided at Offutt AFB to process the intelligence data available from the early SAMOS shots.
6. Technical facilities have been sited so as to take advantage of, to the maximum extent possible, support available at existing military bases. Industrial Facilities (P-151) are not included in this section.
7. Planning and design costs to be incurred by the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Yards and Docks for the projects in this Development Plan are not included. Advance planning funds required for planning and design costs incurred directly by AFBMD for the items in this section are included.

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