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Status of SACDS and MIDAS Development Plans

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1. In the memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of Defense transferring the SACDS and MIDAS development programs to the Department of the Air Force, it was stipulated that development plans would be submitted to DASA by 15 January 1960 and operational plans, including details of user relationships, to the Secretary of Defense by the same date.
2. In General Montgomery's memorandum to elements of the Air Staff dated 11 December 1959, various dates were established to review these programs and accomplish submission to the DASA by 15 January. As a result of the AFOWC meeting on 11 December (called by SACED for the purpose of providing guidance prior to Air Staff review of the programs) significant changes were made to the programs. As a consequence of these changes, it was impossible to submit these plans by the 15th of January. Accordingly, SACED requested a delay until the 15th of February. DASA authorized this change and General Montgomery's memorandum of 11 December is being revised to reflect the new plans.
3. To be included in this revised memorandum are the following meetings which are being called to review these plans for revision or approval:
 - 1 February, joint meeting - Space Committee; Reconnaissance Panel; Strategic Panel; and Air Defense Panel.
 - 3 February - Weapons Board.
 - 10 February - Ballistic Missile Committee.
 - 15 February - Presentation of the development plans to Dr. York in his office.
 - 17 February - Presentation of the operational plans and user relationships to Dr. York and representatives of the three Services in Dr. York's office.

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