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(U) Transfer of SAGSC, DISCOVER and MIDAS Programs to the Department of the Air Force

Reference: Secretary of Defense Memorandum to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, subject: 'Coordination of Satellite and Space Vehicle Operations', dated 10 September 1999.

1. In response to referenced memorandum and specific instructions of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (ASAF), the DDP is requesting by separate memoranda the program responsibility for the SAGSC, MIDAS and DISCOVER programs be transferred to the DDP.

2. The programs will continue at the current fund level and in accordance with the approved development plans as provided by existing AFSA Orders.

3. It is of the utmost importance to the Air Force to request these program transfer actions immediately.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

4. That the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (ASAF) discuss with the Defense Research and Engineering the included memorandums prior to signing.

5. Depending on the results of 4 above, that the attached memorandum be signed.

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- 1. Proposed Memo re MIDAS
- 2. Proposed Memo re SAGSC
- 3. Proposed Memo re DISCOVER

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Reference: Secretary of Defense Memorandum to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, subject: "Continuation of Satellite and Space Vehicle Operations," dated 18 September 1979

1. In response to referenced Memorandum, the Department of the Air Force is requesting the program responsibility for the SAMOS, DISCOVERER, and KIDS programs be transferred to the Department of the Air Force. The DISCOVERER program and three separate memorandums are submitted in accordance with telephone instructions from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ASD).

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2. The programs will continue at the current fiscal level and in accordance with the approved development plans as amended by existing AFSA Orders. It is proposed that the management be under the administrative jurisdiction of the Air Force Ballistic Missile Committee with AFSA as the Secretariat for Space Systems.

3. It is of the utmost importance to the Air Force to request these program transfer actions immediately.

RECOMMENDATION:

4. That the attached memorandums to Director, Defense Research and Engineering be signed.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, CDD

SUBJECT: (U) Transfer of the SAGE Development Program to the Department of the Air Force

Reference: Secretary of Defense Memorandum, subject: 'Coordination of Satellite and Space Vehicle Operations', dated 13 September 1959

In response to the referenced memorandum, the immediate transfer of responsibility for the development of an Inertial Navigation Satellite (INSAT) to the Department of the Air Force is suggested. The development of this system can be expected to continue within the framework of the currently approved concept as indicated below. Detailed plans, to include new relationships with the United and Specified Commands, will follow. Recommendations concerning the transfer of funds between ARIA and the DAF will be contained in a separate memorandum to CDD's Comptroller.

The SAGE development program will result in an operational system for reconnaissance of all areas of the world through the use of both photographic and SAR sensors. ARIA satellites, with either of the above payloads, will be launched by ARIA boosters into polar orbits to an altitude of 300 statute miles above the earth. The reconnaissance information obtained will be either physically recovered from orbit near Hawaii or communicated to ground receiving stations.

The last approved development plan for SAGE, dated 13 January 1959, is presently being revised in accordance with a general agreement between ARIA and the DAF which takes into account the FY '60 funds available for this program. Funding for the next two years is shown as follows:

	ARIA	FLSAC	
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The development plan, as revised to reflect the FY 1966 funds available, will in essence maintain the schedule for the Secret and photographic student phases of the program, while allowing some slippage to the reconnaissance payload program. The initial launch of a reconnaissance payload will probably not occur before early FY '68.

It is anticipated that the transfer will result in no significant changes in this development program. Immediate transfer pending receipt of the latest development plan would permit orderly progression for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, RESEARCH SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT, OAS

SUBJECT: (U) Transfer of MIDAS Program to the Department of the Air Force

Reference: Secretary of Defense Memorandum, subject: 'Classification of Suborbitals and Space Vehicle Operations', dated 15 September 1959

In response to the referenced memorandum, it is requested that the responsibility for the MIDAS development program be transferred immediately from the Advanced Research Projects Agency, OAS to the Department of the Air Force.

The Air Force considers the MIDAS program as a promising means of establishing a system for the purpose of obtaining the earliest possible warning of the launching of ballistic missiles and enhancing the capability of both active and passive defenses. The system development program will continue at the approved fund level for FY '60 and in accordance with the approved development plan as modified by existing ARPA orders. Upon transfer of program responsibility, funds, and documentation, the RFP will make a detailed survey of the status of the MIDAS program and submit for approval a revised development plan that incorporates existing ARPA orders, the current development plan, and any necessary changes that become apparent as a result of the detailed survey. Detailed plans, to include our relationships with the invited and specified commands, will follow.

The current development launch schedule within the fund and priority limitations is:

Phase	Starting	Ending	Estimated Launch Date
1	Feb 54	Apr	January 1960
2	Feb 54	Apr	March 1960
3		Apr	December 1960
4		Apr	March 1961
5		Apr	June 1961
6		Apr	October 1961

*Approximately 3 to 7 weeks slip due to reschedule of ARPA-JCS 4 launch

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Item, 207, sub: (U) Transfer of NERD Program to the DAF (Cont)

Phases 7, 8, 9 and 10 launch dates are contingent on availability of additional launch facilities for space program at or near MS. With additional launch facilities the two vehicle development program could be completed by March 1962, and by October 1962 without the new facilities.

Funds presently committed in AFSA and Air Force Financial plans and budget estimates are as follows:

	AF	NSA	SE
FY 1960	\$ 22.9	21.0	7.4
FY 1961	97.3	21.0	20.0

Recommendations concerning the transfer of funds between AFSA and DAF will be contained in a separate memorandum to SACD Comptroller.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND MEMBERS, CDS

SUBJECT: (U) Transfer of the DISCOVER Development Program to the Department of the Air Force

Reference: Secretary of Defense Memorandum, subject: Declassification of Satellite and Space Vehicle Operations, dated 28 September 1979

In response to the above memorandum, the Department of the Air Force supports the immediate transfer of the DISCOVER program to the Air Force. While it is recognized that the referenced memorandum does not specifically identify the DISCOVER program, the assignment of responsibility for this program to the DAF appears to be a logical and prudent extension of the ARMS, MESH, transfer and systems integration assignments which have been approved.

The DISCOVER development program is designed to study the problems related to the achievement of stabilized orbits, attitude stabilizations, operational system techniques, recovery of microfilm payloads and the execution of maneuverable advanced engineering tests. Development will continue at the approved fiscal level for FY '80 and in accordance with the approved development plan dated 30 January 1979 as modified by attaching ARMS Orders. Upon transfer of program responsibility, funds, and documentation, the DAF will make a detailed survey of the status of the DISCOVER program and submit a revised development plan that incorporates attaching ARMS Orders, a current development plan, and any necessary changes that become apparent as a result of the detailed survey.

The current schedule for the DISCOVER program is as follows:

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J	F	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A
1	1		1	2	2		2	2	2		1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2

The total DISCOVER test flight program now consists of 25 combinations of MESH and ARMS vehicles. Because of difficulties in the DISCOVER 7 and 11 flights, two months have elapsed since the last launch. During

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