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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

TO: AFCS

21 December 1960

FROM: USAF Inspector General Survey of SAMOS Systems
10 April to 31 May 1961

TO: ARDC (General Schroeder)

1. Reference is made to your letter of 31 October 1960, subject as above, in which you request my support in the indefinite postponement of this survey.
2. I agree with you that any inspection of the SAMOS system should be postponed until management responsibilities have been fully defined and definite channels of direction clearly established. However, after extensive consideration of the problem, it has been concluded that the management reorientation will have been completed and the program sufficiently advanced by April 1961 so that from a management and organizational standpoint conduct of the survey in the period scheduled should not be unduly hampered.
3. In view of the importance of this program I am sure you will agree that I must use every proper management tool available to insure the most effective program. Consequently, I have directed the Inspector General to proceed with this survey at the earliest practicable date. In recognition of certain problems which you undoubtedly have in mind and to insure that the scope of the survey is properly planned, General Carroll will be in touch with you and also with General Greer in the near future. The exact timing and scope of the survey will be finalized at that time.

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THOMAS D. WHITE
Chief of Staff

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TO: [illegible]
FROM: [illegible]
SUBJECT: [illegible]

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of the results of the study conducted by the Navy regarding the installation of the missile on the existing carrier. The Navy's objective is to determine the feasibility of installing the missile on the carrier and to provide the necessary information for the JCS to make a decision on the matter.

The results of the study indicate that the installation of the missile on the carrier is feasible and that the carrier will be able to accommodate the missile without any major modifications. The Navy believes that this installation will significantly enhance the carrier's combat capability and provide a cost-effective solution to the missile requirement.

It is my understanding that you will be forwarding this information to the JCS for a determination of the feasibility of the installation. I am also aware that Dr. Ford is currently conducting a study on the carrier's capability to accommodate the missile.

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