Subject: Transfer of the SSMN, MIDS, and NIEUWBOER Development Programs to the Department of the Air Force

Reference your memorandum of 17 November 1959 transmitting responsibility for the SSMN, MIDS, and NIEUWBOER programs from the Advanced Ballistic Project Office to the Department of the Air Force. In accordance with your guidance, a review of the three programs has been made together with Development/Operational Assumptions. The SSMN and MIDS are to be given to the NIEUWBOER and representatives of the three services on 19 February 1960.

The Air Force Ballistic Missile Committee reviewed these programs on 10 February 1960. Approval to plan for their execution as presented was granted.

One copy of each of the Development Plans and Development/Operational Assumptions is attached as an attachment to this memo. Specific action requested is as follows:

SSMN Development Plan. This plan provides for a program of 39 flight test flights in accordance with the guidance, such that the Development Program remains substantially as previously planned. An exception will be the need to allocate to the NIEUWBOER program. It is recommended that the NIEUWBOER Development Plan be submitted for approval.

MIDS Development Plan. This plan provides for a 35 flight vehicle program which maintains a level of effort consistent with a similar operational research and development program. The MIDS program is to be integrated with the final installment of $100 million by 15 March 1961, Your approval is requested.

NIEUWBOER/Operational Assumptions. This annex to the development plan has been prepared to define the necessary funding and describe the items of work, equipment, and additional facilities.
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AIDS Development Plan

The AIDS Development Plan has been drafted within the framework of a comprehensive and flexible AIDS Development Plan. This plan is supported by an estimated $21.1 million in FY 60, with additional funds available to the extent that the actual cost of the plan is less than the estimated cost. The plan includes a detailed description of the objectives and strategies to be pursued in the development of the AIDS Development Plan. The plan is based on a logical and comprehensive assessment of potential needs and is intended to provide a logical basis for the drafting of the AIDS Development Plan. The plan is scheduled to be completed by FY 60, with an estimated cost of $21 million.

AIDS Development/Operational Areas

This section defines the planning and development of AIDS systems, equipment, and additional facilities. This section provides a basis for the inclusion of additional AIDS systems in the AIDS Development Plan. The AIDS Development/Operational Areas are based on the need to accomplish objectives of the AIDS Development Plan. It is recommended that the AIDS Development/Operational Areas be approved to ensure the timely completion of the essential tasks necessary to provide a basis for a future operational plan.

In addition to the above and in satisfaction of your requirement of 17 November 1989, a briefing on the Operational Plan for AIDS and AIDS systems for future projects and the AIDS Development Plan will be given to the Secretary and representatives of the three Services on 25 February 1989. A copy of these plans, presently being reviewed by the Air Staff, will be forwarded to you prior to the briefing.

(Signed)

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