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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: LBZJ/2712

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SUBJECT: WEEKLY DIARY - 29 January thru 4 February 1960

TO: LBG

Satellite Systems

1. Spares Shortage: ~~(CONF)~~

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At a recent MIDAS Program Review Meeting held at AFMTC, the contractor reported a critical spares shortage. This was stated as one of the reasons for a behind schedule condition. Follow-on investigation by this office revealed that the basic problem does not appear to be one of critical spares shortages. The records revealed that of a total of 830 items called out in the Spares Allowances List (SAL), approximately all but 27 have been shipped or are in the process of being shipped. It appears that the personnel at AMR did not have an intimate knowledge of the items presently available at the site. This coupled with an excessive consumption rate would on the surface indicate a critical spares shortage. It is scheduled that the remaining 27 items would be shipped by 5 February 1960. Continuous follow-up will be made on this action.

2. Missile Defense Alarm System (MIDAS): ~~(SECRET)~~

The first MIDAS R&D Flight Test Vehicle is scheduled to be launched from the Air Force Missile Test Center at Cape Canaveral, 26 February 1960. This ATLAS-boosted satellite will carry infrared equipment which is being developed to provide early warning of an ICBM attack.

3. Accounting Procedures: (UNCL)

A meeting was held by WDZT, 2 February 1960 for the purpose of discussing accounting for Air Force supplied items during R&D, I&O and operational periods. It was tentatively agreed that the GFP would be the responsibility of the contractor, through the LSM and the AFPR, during the R&D and I&O phases. Air Force unit property responsibility and accountability would take place at the time of the operational phase. Detailed procedures are being written by WMSB.

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