WEEKLY DIARY ITEMS - LBTTP

3 Apr 59 thru 9 Apr 59

(U) Space Technology Laboratories, Inc.

1. The Air Force has made a final fee offer to STL for work under contract AF 04(647)-302 (AMEE 3 & 4). The contract will be forwarded to the contractor for signature on or before 10 April 1959. Should the contractor decline to execute the documents the parties will be in dispute.

2. Relative to definitization of L/C AF 04(647)-309, WDIM is presently in process of preparing recommendations dealing with various issues such as level of effort, funding, and work statement. Upon completion, WDIM and LBTTP will discuss these recommendations in preparation for a meeting with STL to establish a definitization schedule.

(U) Atlas Missile Display System

Contract AF 04(647)-357 with Douglas Aircraft Company, El Segundo Division has been approved and will be forwarded to Douglas immediately. The resulting contract is a Cost Sharing contract with the Government’s share to be 16.06%. The display was finished on schedule 7 April 1959 and shipped to Las Vegas, Nevada for the International Congress of Flight beginning Wednesday morning, 8 April 1959.

(U) Missiles Valve Test Services

The technical evaluation board met on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 March 1959 to evaluate the seven proposals received. The board’s recommendation was to award two contracts to separate companies. The final evaluation report is being submitted for approval.

(U) Strategic Lunar Study

The three SR 192 contracts (Contract AF 04(647)-333, Aerojet-General; AF 04(647)-336, Douglas Aircraft Santa Monica; and AF 04(647)-341, North American Missile Division) have all been returned for signature and all the exceptions negotiated. Although the Secretarial Determinations and Findings have not been received, the Secretary signed them on the 30th of March, and we intend to process the contracts on this basis. They will be forwarded for final review on the 9th of April.
Titan Ducted Launcher Test Program

Letter Contract number AF 04(647)-373 was issued to Aerojet-General, Azusa on 7 April 1959 for this program. It is anticipated a CFFF definitive contract will be negotiated by the 1st of May for an estimated cost of approximately $170,000.

Calibration Standards Laboratory and Services for Vandenberg AFB

The Calibration Van manufactured by Cook Electric Company under this contract is due to arrive at Vandenberg Air Force Base on 10 April 1959 which is 5 days behind schedule. The laboratory is due to be ready for operation by the 15th of April, and the period of time between now and then will be spent in calibrating the test equipment in the van. Contract AF 04(647)-320.