

WEEKLY DIARY ITEMS - LBZSA

3 March Thru 8 March 1960

(c) Letter Contract AF 04(647)-449 with Aeronutronics - Program 609A

The two exceptions taken by the Contractor on signing the definitive contract have been resolved. (1) The Contractor wanted assurance that the Hazardous Risks Clause would be in the contract before the first shot now scheduled for 11 May 1960. This condition will be removed upon approval of the Unusually Hazardous Risks Clause. AMC has recommended approval of this clause and the request for approval is presently at Headquarters USAF. We expect approval in time to have the clause incorporated into the definitive contract before the first shot. Any necessary follow-ups will be made. (2) The second condition which concerned the Contractor's liability in delivering the 609A launch complex to the Government in good condition, was relieved this week when we negotiated a minor change in one of the contract clauses. The definitive contract will be sent to Headquarters AMC this week for final approval.

(U) Delivery Orders with NASA - Program 609A

On 4 March a representative from the NASA Procurement Office, Langley Field, Virginia, was here at our request to discuss the funding of NASA delivery orders. He gave us a summary of the total NASA 609A Program funding, indicating that \$143,407.00 was needed for airframes to carry the program through 3 June 1960. There is sufficient money already obligated to cover rocket motors and guidance and controls beyond June. After a discussion between the NASA, AFBMD, and BMC people concerning the re-orientation of the 609A Program (elimination of two unguided launches), it was decided that little, if any, additional funding of the NASA delivery orders would be required to complete FY 1960. NASA is seriously considering incremental funding of their contracts but this would probably be applied in FY 1961 rather than FY 1960.

(S) Random Barrage Study to AICBM Program

The project directed by ARPA Order 134-60, dated 8 February 1960, to contract with Ramo-Wooldridge Division of the Thompson-Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation for this study will be completed this week with our transmittal of a fixed price contract, AF 04(647)-561, to Ramo-Wooldridge for signature. Negotiations with the contractor were concluded on 29 February 1960 with agreements reached on a fixed price contract for \$195,000., with a delivery of the final report to AFBMD not later than 20 May 1960.

(c) Contract AF 04(647)-302 with STL
Thor-Able 4 Launch

a. The launch of the Thor-Able 4 Deep Space Probe is now scheduled for 11 March 1960 at 0500 hours PST.

(c) Negotiation of STL proposal for Rescheduling of Able 4 Thor Deep Space Probe.

b. Negotiation of the contractor's proposal dated 9 February 1960 for an increase in estimated cost of \$1.3 million and fixed fee of \$118,000 has been completed.

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The contractor based his request for additional fee on the fact that the contractor was ready to launch on or about 18 December 1959, as scheduled, but the launch was postponed at NASA's request to accomplish additional testing not contemplated in the original contract. Negotiation of this proposal was concluded on 1 March with agreement on an increase in estimated cost of \$900,000 with an increase in the fixed fee of \$54,000. This agreement was based on a revised launch schedule of March 1960. The contract is being amended to reflect this agreement.

(U) Project Atlas-Able 5A and 5B

A requirement has been established by NASA to obtain scientific data in the region of the moon to be accomplished with two (2) Atlas boosted vehicles, carrying a fourth stage of approximately 370 pounds, including a gross payload of approximately 130 pounds. This is a follow-on requirement to the Able Program and will be accomplished by contracting with STL to furnish, among other things, two (2) flight payloads. These flight payloads will be referred to as Atlas Able 5A to be launched in August 1960 and Atlas-Able 5B to be launched in November 1960. A Request For Proposal containing the work specification has been prepared and was sent to STL on 9 March.