SUBJECT: WB-117L Contractor Selection Board

TO: Commander
   Air Research and Development Command
   Attn: Deputy Commander for Weapons Systems
   Baltimore, Maryland

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1. It is proposed to convene a board at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on 13 March 1956 for the purpose of preparing a contractor preference list for the development of WB-117L.

2. The Board will have available for its guidance contractor prepared development plans in the general form prescribed by ARDC Manual 80-4, supplementing cost and management information, and technical reports generated by the three contractors now studying the feasibility of a satellite-borne reconnaissance system (Lockheed, Martin, and RCA). Prior to 12 March, the contractors' submissions will have been reviewed from a technical standpoint by ARDC Centers which have been participating in the program to date. Their technical evaluation will also be available for use by the proposed Board.

3. The Western Development Division also will arrange for the three systems study contractors to brief the Board on 13-14 March. Their presentations at this time are expected to include both technical and management aspects of their proposed programs. They will also be available to answer questions posed by the Board.

4. It is currently visualized that board membership will be as follows:

   Chairman
   ARDC

   1 Member
   WED
   ARDC
   AMO
   MCP

   1 Member
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It is requested that the Deputy Commander for Weapons Systems make available an individual to represent him on this board. Lt. Colonel Victor Genes (WDTP) is suggested.

5. The Western Development Division will issue convening orders upon receipt of nominations.

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