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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: Foreign Origin Procurement, Project Dorian

Director, NRO (Dr. Flax)

1. The Eastman Kodak Company has requested authority to procure, from a French concern, a special vertical grinder to be used in the grinding of glass castings for project Dorian. Investigation of United States products reveals that the Charles Berthiez Company, Paris, France is the sole source for a Vertical Grinder having the machine capacity, type and kind of machine functions, and requiring a minimum of alterations to perform our work. The estimated cost of this grinder is \$400,000.

2. With the authority assigned to me under AFPI 6-103.2 I have determined that the provisions of the Buy American Act are inapplicable to this procurement subject to the Balance of Payments Program. In accordance with the Balance of Payments Program, this procurement can be made only if approved by the Secretary or Deputy Secretary of Defense.

3. After considering the feasibility of using a United States substitute, I recommend that you request authorization from the Deputy Secretary of Defense to purchase this vertical grinder pursuant to the Balance of Payments Program.

JOHN L. MARTIN, JR.
Brig Gen, USAF
Director

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