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Gentlemen:

The importance of mobility in future Army operations, both tactical and logistical, is well recognized in military planning circles. It is of vital importance to know whether an operation can be adequately mobile in a given area of the world; in fact, both the tactical and logistical planner would like to be able to predict the mobility of the vehicles at his disposal under varied conditions of terrain and climate.

In recent years, there has been a great deal of experimenting and theorizing in the field of vehicle mobility. A mass of data has been accumulated on vehicle-terrain relationships and on correlations between geologic history and soil, between rainfall, drainage, and moisture content, etc. To date, however, a concentrated effort to draw these data together and arrive at conclusions which can be used by planners has been lacking.

In the enclosed proposal, Planning Research Corporation offers to undertake this job of study and analysis of factors affecting mobility. The result of this study would be a mobility manual which would be useful to research and development personnel as well as to military planners. This is not a small job; in fact, it may well require joint sponsorship by several military agencies. We feel that it is an important job, one which should not be postponed further, and one which we are uniquely qualified to perform.

The enclosed proposal includes a discussion of the technical approach to the problem, a schedule and personnel requirements, a cost estimate, and a summary of Planning Research Corporation's capabilities. Our capabilities in military study work are covered in more detail in a separate brochure which is also enclosed.

It would be appreciated if your agency would review this proposal and reply with your comments and degree of interest in the proposed study. If you have further questions concerning this proposal or our corporate capabilities, please contact Mr. Leo P. Holliday, Manager of PRC's Operations Section.

Sincerely yours,

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