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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Research & Development Branch, DPD-DD/P
THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division, DD/P
SUBJECT : P2V Equipment Program

REFERENCES : A. Memo for [redacted] DPD-DD/P from DD/P 50X1
dated 10 March 1959, Subject: P2V Program
(DD/P 4-4449)
B. Memo for DD/P from C/SRS/DPD-DD/P dated 50X1
18 March 1959, Subject: [redacted]
and ALQ-28 for P2V7 (CHAL-0603)

1. I have concurred in the recommendations made by Mr. James Q. Reber in Reference B, which constitutes a modification of my provisional views expressed in Reference A. By way of summary, these two actions constitute approval of the following:

- a. Complete carry through prototype installation and test of ASN-7 and if successful equip additional aircraft with this device.**
- b. Complete prototype [redacted], install in P2V aircraft, and test.** 50X1
- c. Postpone decision on prototype installation and testing of ALQ-28 pending further investigation of requirements by Mr. Reber.**

2. It should be emphasized that the foregoing action does not constitute approval of a program for the installation on additional aircraft of either the [redacted] or the ALQ-28. My concurrence with the recommendation in Reference B concerning [redacted] reflects my understanding that we are well down the road already with this item of equipment, that it should be highly useful in the P2V, and that it has potential other applications of great value. Similar logic may simplify prototype installation of 50X1
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the ALQ-28. I will be hard to convince, however, that we should invest of FY-1960 funds to equip additional P2V aircraft with these two devices. With respect to the ASN-7, I am inclined to believe this navigation aid should be installed on all P2Vs that we plan to maintain in operational status under Agency control during FY-1960.

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3. With respect to the financing of this program, I understand that funds are available in the amounts shown in column 6 of the "P2V7U Development Program" dated 26 February 1959. The amounts there shown should be more than enough to cover completion and installation of all three equipments. I would be interested to know whether all of these funds will be required for this purpose and whether as shown on the Development Program an additional sum will be required in FY-1960 for flight test costs.

4. I made no comment in Reference A nor in the foregoing on the Skyhook development. I am acquainted with this and believe it should proceed as planned.

5. I believe that the whole P2V development program should be brought within the new approvals procedure. Accordingly, I suggest that the above decisions be reflected in a Program Approval Statement, which should be submitted for my signature. Action need not, however, await the submission and signature of this additional document which is solely for the purpose of putting our paper work on an orderly basis.

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