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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Air Systems Division, EL

SUBJECT : New "B" Recorder for IDEALIST

REFERENCE : [ ] 0360

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1. The reference notes the deficiencies in the recorder furnished [ ] for use with the System 17. We feel it is quite pertinent to the discussions we have had with you previously regarding your proposed contract with [ ], for the new "B" recorder for IDEALIST.

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2. Although some of the deficiencies found in the M-14 recorder can be attributed to poor packaging, the rest of them certainly demonstrate a less than adequate standard of quality control, if not poor systems engineering.

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3. We again express our misgivings, as we have done verbally before, regarding a contract with [ ] Inc. for the "B" recorder replacement. We are particularly concerned by the fact that [ ] must sub-contract for the record heads and for the playback system.

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