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11 April 1966

OSA -1757-66

Subject: Follow-on [] Program (AF33(657)-12846)
Wideband Recorder/Reproducer, []

Dear Gerry and Chuck:

Attendant to our recent discussions concerning [] here are a few of the facts:

A. DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

August 21 and
September 2, 1964

[] performed breadboard demonstration to show feasibility of W/B recorder to [] Contractor personnel.

September 3, 1964

Letter Contract No. 2211 with a [] funding limitation was issued to implement development. The aforementioned Letter Contract was subsequently finalized in the amount of [] calling for the delivery of 1 vehicle machine and 1 ground machine by 15 March 1965.

January 28, 1965(*)

Parsons gave demonstration of basic machines witnessed by [] Contractor and SPO personnel.

September 1965

Parsons loaned the first W/B recorder system to [] Contractor in order that basic interface testing could be accomplished prior to the shipment of [] Follow-on equipments.

Machines were returned to [] with a list of discrepancies.

October 1965
to Present

From the time the machines were returned to the recorder manufacturer in September until the present, [] has been attempting to eliminate the various discrepancies.

March 30, 1966

[] requests high level meeting(s) of engineering and management personnel concerning the future of the Wideband equipment.

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March 31, 1966

[redacted] personnel visit [redacted] to review the situation. [redacted] advised that losses of approximate [redacted] will be incurred and requests that steps be taken to conclude the development program without incurring further losses. [redacted] requests that the [redacted] Contractor accept the production equipment in its current configuration conceding that further significant improvement is doubtful. [redacted] advises that only at such time as the performance capability of the machine is made known can any decision be made concerning its acceptability.

B. PRODUCTION PROGRAM

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February 16, 1965

On the basis of January 28 demonstration (*) P. O. 2375 was issued to [redacted] Company for the delivery of 10 vehicle machines and 5 ground machines. First set to be delivered by 15 June 1965. Value of P. O. [redacted] Fixed Price.

Present

Production equipments are at various stages of completion with the first two (2) Airborne units at an advanced state of completion and undergoing tests.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

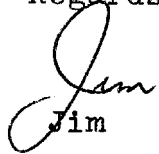
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[redacted] contact with [redacted] to request that they make every effort to submit their quotation at the earliest possible time.

The writer will be in touch with your office from time to time to apprise you of any further developments.

Regards,


Jim