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Procurement of Long Lead Time Items - RD-122

1. [redacted]  
is developing an [redacted] AS-3, for this Office under Task Order 1, RD-122. The initial prototype, after several delays, is scheduled to be delivered for our evaluation on 15 September 1958. The contract provides that this prototype must be approved before the contractor may proceed with the construction of nine additional prototypes.

2. It now appears that delivery of the nine remaining units may be advanced from 1 February 1959 to 1 January 1959 if the contractor is allowed to begin procuring long lead time components at this time, and to begin tooling for those components which will be fabricated in his machine shop. The progress of this program has been closely monitored and it is unlikely that any shortcomings uncovered in the formal evaluation will result in serious changes to major components.

3. In view of the operational urgency of this program it is requested that the contractor be authorized to expend up to \$5000 of the contract funds set aside for the fabrication phase of the program on the procurement of long lead time items and shop tooling.

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