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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status of the Briefing Print Enlarger (BPE)

1. Procurement of the Briefing Print Enlarger for NPIC.

FAR 243 is a new project designation for the prototype phase of the Briefing Print Enlarger. We expect to receive the proposal and specifications within the next two weeks from the [redacted]. In the meantime, [redacted] has stated that they are working on the long-range phases of the Briefing Print Enlarger prototype on a priority basis.

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2. Procurement of Seven Additional Prototype Models for the Intelligence Community Through the Medium of COPE.

Several agencies have requested that NPIC purchase seven additional prototype models of the Briefing Print Enlarger. The four agencies concerned are the Naval Reconnaissance Technical Support Center (NRTSC), Navy Bureau of Weapons, the DIA, and USAF Systems Command (AFSC). These agencies are most anxious to commit FY 1966 funds toward these prototype models. They have been informed of the procedure for joint procurement and development of the Briefing Print Enlarger and are now in the process of transferring their funds to the Director of NPIC who will in turn assign the funds to OSA, provided this method of handling the contract is approved. Each model will cost approximately [redacted] per unit. On this basis DIA will transfer approximately [redacted] to NPIC; Bureau of Weapons will transfer approximately [redacted] NRTSC will transfer approximately [redacted] and AFSC will transfer approximately [redacted]. The balance of the funds in the case of the Bureau of Weapons and NRTSC will come from funds already held by NPIC. The orders now stand at the following:

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- NPIC - one model;
- Bureau of Weapons - two models;
- DIA and NRTSC - one model each; and
- AFSC - three models;

~~for a total of seven models.~~

3. Method of Procurement.

It has been recommended by [redacted] and by the Development Branch that the models be purchased through a special contract already held with

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[redacted] at OSA. A memorandum has been prepared to be forwarded to OSA. In a conversation with [redacted] he stated that [redacted] shop would not be able to get permission to fabricate the seven models in question through the usual overt channels; it is necessary that security of the covert component involved at Eastman Kodak be protected by avoiding open channels of contracting.

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When the Contracting Officer at OSA receives the funding data from NPIC for contracting the seven prototype models, he will send a message of authorization to [redacted] to commence fabrication of the seven prototype models.

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