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MEMORANDUM FOR : Executive Officer, ODP
FROM : [REDACTED],
Deputy Chief, Special Projects Staff/ODP
SUBJECT : Special Projects Staff Weekly Report -
ending 3 June 1977

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1. SAFE:

a. The SAFE Pre-proposal Conference for the Design Competition Phase RFP was held on 26 May 1977. The Conference went smoothly, lasting for approximately one hour. Sixty-two individuals from industry attended, representing 19 companies. Out of a total of 42 questions submitted, none suggested any significant problems with the RFP. Answers to the questions were prepared and released to the Contracting Officer for mailing on 31 May 1977.

[REDACTED] - Unclass.)

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b. A working group consisting of personnel from Systems Analysis Staff/OCR and Special Projects Staff/ODP selected Comsystems/SAI, from a set of five candidate companies, to perform the SAFE Workstation Study. This study is to define the initial design parameters for the SAFE Workstation (terminal) by 15 January 1978. The work is to be done under the existing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - Unclass.)

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c. Discussions (involving Messrs. [REDACTED]) were conducted concerning the SAFE - ODP Computer Center Interface. The requirements for SAFE terminal users to have access to the ODP time-sharing and batch services motivated the discussions. The sharing of a common wide-band communications facility by SAFE and the ODP Computer Center was the central issue in the discussion. There were no conclusions; the matter will be passed to the ODP Long Range Planning Committee.

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d. The revised ADISS/SAFE Joint Management Plan was prepared and submitted to DIA's System Planning Office, Systems Analysis Staff/OCR and Special Projects Staff/ODP for initial staff (working level) review. It is hoped that a working level agreed on version will be made available for

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review by upper management by 15 June 1977.

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[REDACTED] - Unclass.)

e. CRS/SAS has requested that we perform an analysis of [REDACTED]'s On-Line Text Analysis (OLTA) and OCR's On-Line Data Entry (OLDE) Application Packages to determine if it would be feasible to "marry" the two applications into an On-Line Machine Aided Indexing System (MAIS). The initial application will be an experimental data-gathering package to test the following concepts: (1) use of a split-screen for simultaneous display of the document to be indexed (OLTA) and the formatted form for entering index terms (OLDE), and (2) use of the light-pen to selectively transfer index terms from the document text to the OLDE form. [REDACTED] (SPS/ODP) is doing the analysis and coordinating with [REDACTED] to make a cost estimate.

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[REDACTED] - Unclass.)

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f. A memorandum for ORD, NPIC and ODP is being prepared which recommends changes to the next phase of ORD's High-Speed Text Search Project. The memorandum also recommends joint funding of the next phase by the three organizations.

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2. TADS:

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a. The arrival of [REDACTED] personnel designated to assemble the TADS Graphics Console has been rescheduled to 13 June 1977.

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b. Engineers from [REDACTED] will assemble and check-out the [REDACTED] 3401 Graphics Display equipment by 17 June 1977.

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[REDACTED] - Unclass.)

c. The TADS Graphics Design Document was received by the Government. Written comments are being prepared and will be presented to [REDACTED] at the Design Review scheduled for 2 June 1977.

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[REDACTED] - Unclass.)

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d. Systems Programming Division/ODP presented a preliminary TADS-TMS (Tape Management System) interface specification. The specification is being rewritten to incorporate enhancements suggested during a SPD-SPS meeting. [REDACTED] - Unclass.)

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3. ADSTAR:

a. An ADSTAR Proposal Evaluation Plan has been drafted and will be coordinated with the ADSTAR Contracting Officer. [REDACTED] - Unclass.)

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b. On 1 June 1977 the D/OCR and D/ODP were briefed on the proposed agenda for the ADSTAR Pre-Proposal Conference. [REDACTED] - Unclass.)

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c. Answers to written questions submitted by potential ADSTAR bidders were prepared for presentation at the ADSTAR Pre-Proposal Conference. Minor revisions to the ADSTAR RFP will be included in the presentation. [REDACTED] - Unclass.)

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d. The ADSTAR Pre-Proposal Conference was held in Room GA-13, Headquarters Building, on 3 June 1977. [REDACTED] - Unclass.)

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4. RAPID:

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a. A preliminary version of the Contractor's System Integration Plan was received. [REDACTED] - Unclass.)

b. Messrs. [REDACTED] respectively) will visit the Contractor during the week of 5 June 1977. The User Manual, as well as the users and operator training, will be discussed. The Contractor's schedule of activities for the next three weeks will also be reviewed. These activities are scheduled to culminate on 24 June 1977, in a payment milestone (Program Specification Review - PSR). Information obtained during the upcoming trip will, hopefully, provide a more accurate assessment of the Contractor's likelihood of meeting this date; (it was revised earlier from 22 April 1977 to 24 June 1977). [REDACTED]

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