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NRO review(s) completed.

2 May 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Office of Special Projects

SUBJECT: Actions to be taken with reference to
Project CORONA

1. Reference message from D/NRO directs CIA and SAFSP to take certain actions immediately regarding the CORONA Program. The following is suggested CIA actions to conform to reference message.

a. LMSC has been instructed to send copies of ISIC contract to Headquarters with Mr. McMahon on Thursday. Contracts will be reviewed, language adjusted in accordance with CIA requirements and re-written accordingly. LMSC advises that there are several outstanding changes to the contract which were never negotiated by SAFSP. The Contract Officer presently plans to visit LMSC A/P on 12-13 May to meet with Resident Officer and [redacted] of SAFSP to resolve un-negotiated changes and to ascertain that delivery requirements of the contract have been met. It is proposed that the contract be signed in final form at this meeting and LMSC may bill accordingly. In this connection, it will be necessary for Mr. Holleran to send additional funding approval to CIA to cover the above billing.

b. With respect to the DISIC qualification, testing, and integration into the J-3 payload, LMSC has been requested to amend their Statement of Work and Specifications for the J-3 to include this DISIC work. This work, therefore, will become a part of our proposed hardware contract for the J-3 payload. LMSC anticipates having the complete Statement of Work, payload design control Specification and AGENA interface Specification ready by 12 May. If approval and/or concurrence from all interested parties can be obtained, a Letter Contract for the complete J-3 effort at LMSC will be issued during the week of 16 May. With respect to DISIC procurement, necessary arrangements must be made between CIA and SAFSP for the levying of field service engineering and spare parts upon Fairchild during the qualification and life of the program.

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c. With respect to the clause in the contract recognizing access to data and information for SAFSP and [REDACTED] the following clause is suggested:

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"PROGRAM MANAGEMENT. The effort on the CORONA Program covered by this contract is under the general program management of Project Headquarters. The Contractor shall plan and conduct program development, manufacturing and testing of the payload system and subsystem to obtain the requirement of the CORONA J-3 photographic satellite system in accordance with the appropriate Specifications and/or Work Statements attached hereto.

"The technical direction of this contract will be provided through the Headquarters Technical Representative. The Technical Representative shall be the day-to-day point of contact for the Contractor.

"Formalization for such technical direction under this contract will be documented by the issuance of serially-numbered technical directives signed by the Contract Officer stating that compliance with subject technical directive is directed pursuant to the clause of this contract entitled 'CHANGES'.

"It is recognized that the payload system and/or subsystems are a part of the over-all Program 241 system. With respect to this, the Contractor hereby agrees to furnish, as necessary, appropriate data and information to SAFSP and the [REDACTED]. Further, Contractor agrees that representatives of the above organizations may have access to its plant or plants during the life of this contract. However, prior to the release of any information or visits by the above organizations the approval and/or concurrence of the Headquarters Technical Representative must be obtained."

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d. With respect to Part III of the message outlining SAFSP actions, the following comments are made.

1) As of today, 2 May, LMSC has stopped charging all payload system integration effort to the SAFSP in the integration contract and will submit a proposal to include this effort under our current J-1 and proposed J-3 contracts.

2) It is assumed that the new SI contract between SAFSP and LMSC will be written with Sunnyvale and accordingly cover work performed by people outside the A/P facility.

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I would assume that it will be 30-60 days before we see the new SAFSP SI contract and coordinate on the language.

e. As mentioned above, remaining contractual actions for the full implementation of the J-3 payload will not be given until the week of 16 May after resolution of the appropriate Work Statements and Specifications. In this connection, it is assumed that LMSC and the Resident Officer will have settled upon the configuration and Specifications for the recovery vehicles incorporating the DISIC. Accordingly, a Letter Contract to G.E. could also be issued sometime during the week of 16 May.

2. The above contemplated actions will be taken. However, it must be recognized that the Specifications and interface documentation are interim in nature only until formal concurrence by CIA and SAFSP together with subsequent D/NRO approval. It is anticipated that these problems can be resolved prior to 15 June.

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