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PROJECT COMPLETION COVER SHEET

ED-133A Balloon Personnel 263P

- 1. Contractor - General Mills, Inc.  
2010 E. Hennépin Ave.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Date of Contract: Work began in June 1955

Amount of Contract: This work was part of an overall balloon project and the estimated cost for this Task is \$7000.

Contract Number: NONR 1589 (05)

- 2. Testing Reports - General Mills report #1332. This report is filed under Balloon Personnel Reports in the vault. It's number is 28.
- 3. Specifications and Drawings - Specs and drawings will be filed in the appropriate spec file upon completion.
- 4. Advertisement of Items to Area Divisions  
This item is known from TSS reports only and no further advertisement is planned.

File - Surveyed for Extraneous Material

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status Report on 263 P Personnel Balloon

1. The 263P personnel balloon stems from the requirement for a medium-small personnel carrier that is capable of carrying one man and equipment to altitudes high enough for agent infiltration but not so high as to be dangerous. The 263P has a volume of 8000 cubic feet, just one-half that of the 343P balloon that is most commonly used. The load altitude characteristics of this balloon are such that one man and much equipment can be flown to 10,000 feet above sea level or two men and little or no equipment can go to the same altitude.

2. Work on this balloon took place in 1954 and 1955. It was halted in 1955 to await new developments in balloon manufacture such as heat sealed load tapes, integral duct, etc. These "new" developments have been included in the 243P balloon but since additional work would be required to incorporate them into the 263P balloon this will not be done. The 263P balloon is a direct scale down of the 343P balloon and will remain so unless the level of personnel balloon activity requires these changes.

3. Specifications are under revision and when they are completed two of these balloons will be turned over to the Office of Logistics with the specifications.



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