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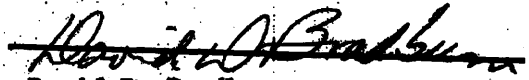
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11 February 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. NAKA

SUBJECT: Transfer of HEXAGON Subsystem from OSP to SAFSP

At the right is a recommended TWX for your signature giving more guidance on the HEXAGON transfer. This version incorporates minor revisions suggested by General Allen. I believe it is consistent with the information presented by OSP this week. I recommend that we hold the message until after the discussions on the west coast next week.



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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. McLUCAS

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SUBJECT: Transfer of HEXAGON Sensor Subsystem Contracts from
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This memorandum gives an overview of the plans for transferring management responsibility for the HEXAGON sensor subsystem from OSP to SAFSP. By a separate memo Dr. Naka has furnished you a more detailed rationale and schedule for Vehicles 7-12, which was the subject requiring the most study.

The plan as developed by General Allen, Mr. Brownman (who objects to certain aspects of the plan as noted), Dr. Naka, and myself will result in assignment of all responsibilities for the HEXAGON Program to General Allen by 1 July 1972. The key elements of the plan are as follows:

a. Vehicles 1-6. OSP retains responsibility for sensor subsystem for Vehicles 1-6. Delivery of hardware for Vehicle 6 is scheduled in November or December 1971. Contracts for this work will not be transferred from OSP, but will be largely completed by 1 July 1972.

b. Vehicles 7-12. Engineering responsibility for sensor subsystems for Vehicles 7-12 will be assumed by General Allen about 1 April 1972 and not later than 1 July 1972. Perkin-Elmer contracts for Vehicles 7-12 will become the responsibility of General Allen on 1 July 1972.

c. Vehicles 13 and up. All responsibilities for these vehicles are assigned to General Allen effective immediately. This includes engineering management, hardware procurement, and design studies.

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d. Short-term contracts. There are several contracts for studies and logistic support which run on an annual basis. All of the current contracts of this type under OSP will be completed by July 1972. The follow-on contracts will be let by General Allen.

Mr. Brownman favors continuation of OSP responsibilities for Vehicles 7-12 for one year longer, that is, until July 1973; otherwise he is in agreement with the plan.

As explained in Dr. Naka's separate memo, [redacted] Dr. Naka, and I do not agree with Mr. Brownman on that point and are instead recommending that the transfer of all responsibilities be made by July 1972, as shown above. The recommended schedule will give General Allen full responsibility for management of the HEXAGON Program at the earliest practical time. General Allen will thus have a clear charter and mandate to reconcile all aspects of HEXAGON procurement and launch programming beginning with FY 73.

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