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CONTROL SYSTEM~~(S)~~ NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

1 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL WORTHMAN

SUBJECT: NRO Switching Center

BACKGROUND: Although UNIVAC does not have a contract in support of the NRO Switching Center Program, UNIVAC has continued to develop hardware and software for our program. Their effort has continued as long as they saw evidence that the Air Force was continuing with the program.

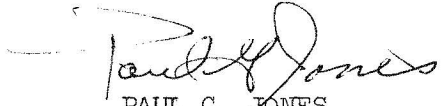
CURRENT STATUS: UNIVAC has developed the following software and plans to debug starting March 11, 1968.

TITLE	MAN WEEKS	MACHINE TIME
Comm Interrupt answer and analysis	13	20 hours
8C Tape handler	9	30 hours
Data Clock Timer	11	25 hours
Phase 1 Data generator	14	30 hours

In addition to the software UNIVAC has temporarily installed "our" primary computer in their Washington Office. UNIVAC has asked for shipping instructions for the processor for "our" back-up system with delivery at Andrews on March 6, 1968. UNIVAC is arranging for office space for training and software work for our personnel. Tentative plans are for six of our Andrews Staff to work with UNIVAC on March 4, 1968.

PROBLEM: If I do not accept delivery of the processor this would indicate to UNIVAC that they were wasting their time working with us. Without support from UNIVAC we would be forced to stop work on the Switching Center, and reassign our personnel to other units where they can work in their primary career fields. I can not legally accept delivery of the processor without a contract with UNIVAC.

RECOMMENDATION: That the DNRO obtain the necessary waivers and that I have AFCS contract with UNIVAC for the computers.


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NRO/Comm

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