

Office Memorandum

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TO: Brig. General Alfred D. Starvo, USA, Director of Military Applications, AEC, Washington

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FROM: James E. Reeves, Assistant Manager for Test Operations, AEC, Albuquerque

SUBJECT: REDUCTION IN MILITARY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OPERATION OF KNIWETOX PROVING GROUND FACILITIES

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In compliance with your verbal request, I have reviewed the functional responsibilities currently performed by Task Group 7.2 at EPG with a view to assignment of these responsibilities to the AEC through its Contract with Holmes & Narver, Inc.

We find that the contractor has the capability of providing all services previously performed by TG 7.2. A reasonable period of advance notice will allow a more orderly transition of operational responsibility by incremental assumption of functions.

We have evaluated manpower requirements on a monthly basis for an "interim type" contract, as summarized in detail on Enclosure 1, entitled "Services Currently Performed by TG 7.2 That Could be Assumed by Contractor." The evaluation is based on the following assumptions:

1. Holmes & Narver, Inc. will take over all services and operations on a monthly basis currently performed by TG 7.2.
2. The military strength of the site is currently 308 Air Force and 12 Navy personnel who will be stationed on site.
3. Manpower and costs for the utilization of existing available equipment currently under the jurisdiction of TG 7.2.

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A total of 199 H&M employees at a net estimated monthly cost of \$270,100.00 can perform all current TG 7.2 functions which are required in an interim period.

A meeting between the Air Force and the AEC convened at Kirtland Air Force Base on October 6, 1958, to consider the capability and feasibility of having H&M perform the services enumerated on Enclosure 2, entitled, "Functions Normally Performed by TG 7.4 That Could be Assumed by the AEC Contractor." It was determined that H&M has the capability of performing the functions enumerated in Enclosure 2 on a reimbursable basis under terms of a revised AEC-DOD agreement.

Estimates contained herein are relatively firm since they are based on the minimum number of personnel that will be required to perform functions as described. Thus a decrease in personnel to be supported will not decrease the H&M force unless functions are revised. On the other hand, any increase in numbers of people to be supported will increase the H&M support force by a factor of one H&M employee for every ten additional personnel to be supported.

The foregoing resume of functions which could be taken over by H&M forces has our endorsement, since it would tend to simplify our operations, reduce total strength of personnel at WFO, and would result in considerable over-all manpower savings to the Government.

Enclosure 3, entitled "Summary of Fred Operations", reflects the total personnel and costs enumerated in detail in Enclosures 1 and 2.

Enclosures:

1. Functions Normally Performed by TG 7.2
2. Functions Normally Performed by TG 7.4
3. Summary of Fred Operations

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