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TO : ~~General Starbird~~ *Bankhardt*
Thru : Cdr. Bankhardt, Colonel Hood
FROM : Lt. Col. Stanton W. Josephson
Test Branch
SUBJECT: TRIP REPORT - EPG TURNOVER

DATE: May 31, 1960

I attended meetings at ALOO, H&N Los Angeles, and Pacific Missile Range last week for the purpose of preparing a turnover plan on EPG. Sixty-seven representatives from 20 cognizant agencies (Tab A) generally following the agenda at Tab B determined that as far as AEC activities are concerned we can accomplish this transfer by July 1. Reeves agreed. Transfer of some of the functions USAF performs in operating the airfield will be deferred until about October, to which USAF agrees. PMR can use a simple letter contract to pick up the operation of EPG and, in the 120 days after July 1, will prepare a detailed contract suited to their purposes.

Highlights were:

A. Funds JTF-7 said they could turnover to PMR the 1 plus million they are getting for FY 1961 plus about \$700,000 in transportation funds. Reeves will report to DMA on his estimate of any FY 1961 carry-over funds that ALOO will need to complete the phaseout.

ALOO and PMR have to work out the problem of splitting up the home office overhead cost in Los Angeles. Reeves prefers that the home office be kept intact and PMR pay a share to be worked out on a mutually satisfactory basis. The alternative is to split off a portion and identify it as the "PMR Activity Division, H&N" but Reeves feels this will divide management and engineering skills to the disadvantage of both interested agencies.

B. "Hotpoint" Dress rehearsal will be held on July 1; full readiness by July 5. Reeves says the one or two AEC people who may still be there cleaning up paper work can be evacuated to Honolulu.

C. Outer Islands Reeves and JTF-7 described the outer atoll weather and rad-safe islands and the status of their leases. PMR intends to pick up these leases and keep the locations available for use as tracking sites for future missiles.

D. DBM Interest Dr. Wallen, DBM explained the continuing requirement for support of the marine laboratory on Parry Island and the support for the annual Rangelap surveys. DBM will negotiate directly with PMR for the funding of this support.

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E. Survey Team PMR is dispatching a team of 15 people to EPG today for a 3 day visit to survey the installation and make a quick screen of the property they will be getting. JTF-7 and H&N will have a representative along.

F. Action Items Subcommittees were set up to define the problems that need to be solved. This led to the assignment of 34 action items to various agencies (Tab C). I accepted two for DMA:

1. Initiate AEC-DOD Bilateral agreement to transfer EPG from AEC to DOD.

~~Advise~~ Departments of Interior and State of the transfer of the EPG to PMR.

Ltrs prepared and sent to Chairman thru GM.

G. ALOO's Plan of Action Reeves hopes to get this in for your approval sometime this week.

Following the general meetings, a small group of people met with Admiral Monroe, Commander PMR and explained the progress made and the planned future action. He was anxious to learn of possible AEC re-entry interest and I explained the principle with which General Loper concurred. An understanding was also reached that there would be no uni-lateral press releases on this transfer. In that connection, Mr. Hertford hopes that we can get clearance soon for an appropriate press release.

It is recommended that Test Branch initiate action on Paragraph F above and on a joint press release.

Attachments:
Tab A, B and C

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