

WDTR

FEB 3 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL TERHUNE

SUBJECT: FY59 and FY60 Programming for WS 117L

1. As you know, we are using regular ARDC-AMC channels for programming our funds. Our schedule, therefore, differs from the programming cycle used by the other system offices which use Gillette Committee procedures. The schedule we must comply with is as follows:

21 February 1958 - AFEMD submits WS 117L preliminary Budget Planning Sheet to Hq ARDC, Andrews AFB.

26 February 1958 - AFEMD receives notice of ceiling allocated by Hq ARDC, Andrews AFB.

4 March 1958 - AFEMD submits final Budget Planning Sheets to Hq ARDC, Andrews AFB, describing effect of ceiling.

17 March 1958 - Joint ARDC-AMC Budget - including WS-117L, is forwarded to Hq USAF.

2. As described above, we will now defend our budgets at Hq ARDC, and Hq ARDC will represent us at Hq USAF. The process seems workable, but gives AFEMD less control than usual. Since our 117L budget will include costs for Atlas and Thor boosters, two alternative programming schemes, generally in agreement with the above, could be adopted:

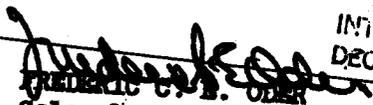
a. Defend funds for satellite (less booster) through Hq ARDC, but do all detailed programming and budget defense for WS 117L boosters through Gillette Committee (BMC) procedures.

b. Defend all required funds, including detailed booster costs, through Hq ARDC.

3. We have decided that alternative 2b is in keeping with direction from you on budgeting WS 117L costs separately. This requires a separate in-house cost study which is not in phase with the regular cost study underway now in the other programs. The attached memorandum directs the Atlas and Thor program offices to provide WDTR with booster cost figures for inclusion in our budget exercise.

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Memo to WDTC-WDTI  
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Ltr to Commander, ARDC, subj: Astronautics Program, dtd 3 Feb 58

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c. The Air Force does not yet have the authority to conduct a moon impact program, but is essential that your Headquarters take the necessary planning action to expedite this program immediately upon approval from the Department of Defense. Cost estimates for the moon impact program received from your command were approximately one million dollars. This program will be funded on the same basis as the three line items referred to in letter, this Headquarters, subject: Fiscal Year 1958 and 1959 R&D Program, dated 3 February 1958.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

s/t H. A. BOUSHEY  
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