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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SCHRIEVER

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SUBJECT: Material for 25 October Meeting of ARDC Ballistic Missile and Space Vehicle Committee

1. On 3, 4, and 5 October, I worked with Lt Col Royce, AETC, and Maj Cherry, Headquarters, ARDC, on a draft of the final report for the approval of the Ballistic Missile and Space Vehicle Committee. A considerable amount of the material that I had previously prepared was fitted into the draft.

2. Upon Lt Col Royce's return to AETC the following week, he had published in draft form the report, "Research and Development of Guided Missiles and Space Vehicles Over the Time Period 1955-1975". He sent 12 copies to me for the review and comments of WDT and other personnel who had commented on the Holmes and Harver report or had contributed in other ways. These copies were distributed on 18 Oct with the request that comments be submitted by 1700, 22 October. Due to the fact that most of the comments were not submitted until this morning, I have not had the opportunity to correlate comments but am submitting them as received in the attached folder. I had hoped to accomplish this correlation on the trip to AETC.

3. After the Committee has turned in its report, there are many actions that are necessary before the technological forecast will even come close to realization. The most important action, I feel, is that some organization be charged with "following through" on Committee recommendations. WDD seems to be the most logical choice, at least, as an interim measure, and I believe, that the recommendations made in report, "Ballistic Missiles, Satellites, and Space Vehicles, 1956 to 1975" are good. An additional problem to be considered is the problem of fitting the applied research program to the systems development program, and by considering lead times, determining which research programs have to be started first.

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