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PRESSENTATION SUMMARY

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of the Air Force

BY: HQ AFEMD

6 August 1960

SUBJECT: SAMOS, Revised Development Plan

PURPOSE:

1. To present the outline of a revised development plan for SAMOS. This plan was originally presented to various echelons of Hq USAF and the Department of Defense during July 1960 in accordance with guidance contained in:

a. AFDS letter "Exploitation of Initial SAMOS Data" dated 1 Jun 1960. This letter outlined guidance which had been received from the Under Secretary of the Air Force.

b. DOD/RE Staff Study (Dr. Billings) dated 13 Jun 1960. This is a carefully documented appraisal of the SAMOS Program and the national requirements for satellite reconnaissance.

2. Further guidance was received from Hq USAF on 23 July 1960 relevant to the proposed SAMOS Development Plan and this presentation consolidates that guidance.

FACTS:

3. The present SAMOS R&D Development Plan was approved in January 1960. That program is not now in consonance with later guidance referred to above and consequently must be changed. The "in being" program has been given every consideration in planned realignments to insure no degradation of effort during the process of realignment and augmentation.

ASSUMPTIONS:

4. It is believed that this presentation now reflects the desires of the Air Force and the Department of Defense and is therefore suitable for review by the AFEMC again at this time.

DISCUSSION:

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6. SAMOS and MIDAS had previously planned to jointly fund additional T&A sites if earlier proposed Operational Development Plans were approved. SAMOS guidance precludes the addition of such facilities at this time, therefore, any MIDAS Operational Development Plan must assume complete funding by MIDAS.

CONCLUSIONS:

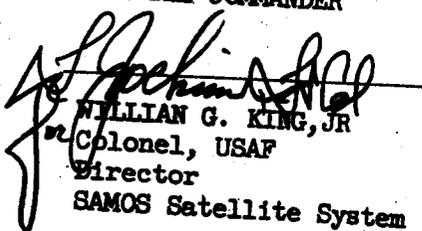
7. If the SAMOS system development is to proceed in accordance with recent guidance, proposed revisions to the 15 Jan. 60 Development Plan as indicated by this presentation and the SAMOS R&D Development Plan dated 11 August 60 must be authorized and implemented.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

8. Recommend the actions delineated in the attached presentation be implemented as soon as possible. These are summarized as follows:

- a. Authorize Program realignment and augmentation as proposed.
- b. Approve and release the requisite additional funds at the earliest possible date.

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