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3 March 1958
0830

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Colonel Soper to Colonel Hamilton

1. 1174 Directive. The wire which was expected has not gone out, Colonel Soper advised. It was stopped for further clarification. Presumably this will be resolved and BMD will receive the directive today. Colonel Soper doesn't think it will be substantially changed from the way we understood it, although he cannot guarantee this. Colonel Hamilton wondered if this tells us to do something we have said earlier we did not want to do. Colonel Soper felt it will probably qualify the degree of latitude on those things BMD will have after the OSD changes have been made; he understands this from a discussion with Mr. Horner on Saturday morning (1 March).

2. AFCGM Recommendations (Pass to Colonel Hughes). Colonel Hughes has been wanting Colonel Soper to get something out to him; this will be done today. Colonel Soper stated CGM will quote those things they have recently recommended. Pending something firm on these recommendations, he suggests BMD keep things in abeyance. As far as further definitizing current directives is concerned, Colonel Soper advises BMD 'just sit tight.'

Further, we should go ahead with preliminary planning on the systems as has been recommended. Things are essentially the same with a little latitude in the interim periods. In explanation, Colonel Soper mentioned that on each weapon system schedule there is a beginning and an ending period. They don't want us to play around with those, but in the interim period (build-up period), smooth out the curves so we don't have ups and downs in training, etc.

Most of the coordination is completed; the wire will go out today.

3. CPFE, Etc. (For Colonel Leonard). Colonel Soper wanted Colonel Leonard to know that OSD signed off over the week-end and it is hoped this will get out today also. Contains full authority to go ahead on ASE. In connection with Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, a \$34M price tag was mentioned. (Col Hamilton phoned this info to Col Leonard.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL TERHUNE

SUBJECT: Transfer of Major Raymond E. Zelenka

1. It has come to my attention that a personnel planning document is in existence which proposed to effect a transfer of Major Zelenka to the Liaison Office at Cooke Air Force Base. I believe the document proposes this transfer for June 1958.

2. I want to recommend, in the strongest terms I can, that we oppose this reassignment. As you know, Major Zelenka is a key member of my staff. To be denied the benefit of his weapon systems experience and his continued services as we enter into the critical phases of our program cannot be considered anything but a serious loss and a detriment to the program.

3. I sincerely recommend you take whatever action is required to stop this proposed reassignment.

~~Frederic C. E. Oder~~
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No action being taken to transfer him.
Above info as to possible reassignments
is posted openly in personnel office

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Sumner
Call
Hudson re
this - Ray re
also to Zelenka
Return to WDT!

Done
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