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Dear Dan:

Customer C's requirements for training and for support of data-reduction equipment have increased considerably over what was estimated in our proposal for 1958 field support submitted 20 December 1957 (CMCC Doc. No. 151X5.904). Following is a proposal for a revised support program to meet these increased requirements.

The initial plan for Air Force technicians to be given short-term instruction at the contractor's plant in the maintenance and support of the various systems and data-reduction equipment has not proved satisfactory. The lapse of time between the training and the application of information learned, the high turn over of Air Force personnel, and the limited technical background of the personnel indicate that a continuous training program at [redacted] is necessary. The expedient of using the contractor's technicians who are presently at [redacted]s instructors has likewise not proved satisfactory. These technicians have not been trained as instructors and the time spent away from their regular duties has worked a hardship on operational personnel.

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The requirements for support of data-reduction equipment have increased also. More operational sites are being planned and the increased demands on the contractor's [redacted] technicians means that fewer of them will be available to install the equipment at the new sites.

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We believe that we can meet all of the increased requirements by hiring four new engineers locally and giving them an intensive three month training program as instructors. Two of these engineers would be trained on Systems 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the other two on the 3 and 14-channel data-reduction equipment. Upon the completion of their training they would be sent to [redacted] as permanent instructors, thus allowing the contractor's technicians to devote their full time to the maintenance of equipment.

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The two instructors trained in the data-reduction equipment could also be available for temporary assignment as part of the data-reduction equipment installation teams. These teams would consist of one instructor and two technicians from [redacted] Their sequence of operation for overseas sites would be somewhat as follows:

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a. After the equipment has been delivered at the first overseas site, the team would spend two or three weeks unpacking it, providing necessary wiring, and making functional and operational check outs.

b. The team would then proceed to the second overseas site where they would provide the same installation service they had provided at the first site. Upon completion of the installation at this second site, the technicians would then return to [redacted] and resume their regular duties.

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c. The instructor would remain to shuttle back and forth between the two overseas sites until the equipment was operational, then he too would return to [redacted]

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The time away from [redacted] for such a cycle would be about three months for technicians and six months for the instructor. With two such teams, data-reduction equipment could be installed simultaneously in two separate theaters of operation. The work load permitting, a third team could probably be assembled a[redacted] to make short trips in the Zone of Interior.

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We believe sufficient funds already exist in Contract A-101 to cover the cost of training these instructors. However additional funding would be required to pay the instructors their salaries during the training period and to purchase additional training aids for use at the operational sites. The total estimated cost as shown on the attached cost estimate is $25,553. The fee, at 8.25% of cost, is $2,108, and the total estimated cost including fee is $27,661.

The instructors would serve under Contract A-104 after they reached [redacted] Since none of them would finish their training before July 1958, any additional funding required under Contract A-104 would be the subject of discussions when that contract is renewed.

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Since we need to hire and train the instructors as soon as possible, we would appreciate an early approval of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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File A-101
Correspondence

SUBJECT: Training for FOG Personnel

TO: Commander-in-Chief
Strategic Air Command
Attn: DOPLRS, Maj. Spindler
Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska

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1. Action has been taken with Ramo-Wooldridge by this Headquarters to establish additional training programs on Systems 1 and 3 for personnel of the 4080th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas. Ramo-Wooldridge has indicated that nine men can be trained in this program at any time in the near future. Due to in-plant availability of equipment, this training must begin not later than 1 September 1957.

2. In-plant training will consist of not more than three weeks on System 1 and four weeks on System 3 to be followed by operational training in the field. Ramo-Wooldridge has requested that they be notified thirty days in advance of the starting date for this program.

3. Recent developments in the production of System 4 will prevent any training at this time of using command personnel. However, it is anticipated that additional training on this equipment could be conducted beginning 1 January 1958.

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4. It is requested that Mr. [redacted] at Ramo-Wooldridge be notified of the desired starting date and any change in your training requirement. Names and clearances of personnel attending this training should be filed with Headquarters, USAF, Attention: AFCIG-5, Maj. Sykes, with information copies to this Headquarters, Attention: MCPHBB.

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