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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Trip Report of Conference with [redacted] and ITEK of Boston, Mass.

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1. On 26 May, in company with [redacted] of Logs/OSA and [redacted] I visited the facility at ITEK to assist in resolving a work statement problem which had been presented to ITEK.

Persons present were:

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For ITEK

[redacted]

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[redacted] Agency Project Engineer for the ITEK camera was not present.

2. The meeting had been called to attempt a solution to an evident problem wherein it appears that ITEK, who has the contract to produce the interface package between the [redacted] Time Code Generator and the ITEK camera, are not performing in the desired manner. The specific need is to translate between the 20 bit code of the TCG and the 24 bit code required by the camera. In addition, the interface package is to include the lamp drivers and the synch circuit to provide time correlation with the 125 pps strobe.

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3. It soon became evident that ITEK had done one of two things: (a) They grossly "misunderstood" the work statement; (b) They ignored the basic stated specifications of the clock.

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It was difficult to obtain accurate, clear cut answers to direct specific questions as the speakers for ITEK (Mr. [redacted] tended to be vague and evasive in their answers. The most pressing and important question of the entire meeting was the establishment of the need and requirement for the 1/10 second time information. After much prodding, it was admitted by [redacted] that they, ITEK, generated the requirement for that time resolution and that they "sold" this requirement to NPIC and to the Agency. Further, that this was a requirement which was generated rather late in the game. This latter statement does not jibe with the fact that the 24 bit time requirement shows up in the ITEK proposal of 15 January 1964. [redacted], the General Manager, attended only the latter part of the meeting, but almost upset the entire conference by stating that there is no need for the 1/10 second time resolution.

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4. Block diagrams of the desired interface package were drawn on the blackboard and were very clearly defined in an effort to resolve the rather obvious differences of opinion around the table. It was flatly stated and understood by all parties that the [redacted] clock will not be recalled from the field for modification to the 1/10 second pulse, and that as long as the camera requirement calls for this time resolution, it must be done in the interface package. Complete specifications of the camera and the clock were stated, which will be used in generating the specifications of the interface package. The environmental specs of the interface are to be the same as those levied against the clock.

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5. The meeting adjourned with at least a clear understanding of the interface package requirements. It is up to Mr. [redacted] to determine the future course of action relative to this contract.

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