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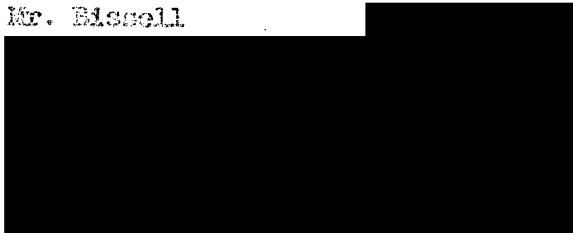
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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 25 September 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell



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1. Transfer of U-2 Aircraft - [redacted] pointed out that since both of Detachment B's aircraft at [redacted] were out of commission until approximately 1 October, he was alerting [redacted] to place number 378 on 24 Hours notice to provide a backup for staging operations in [redacted] should this be necessary. Number 349 is ready for transfer to Detachment C.

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2. Operations - Detachment B is in place and operationally ready at [redacted] with two aircraft in commission. Target weather remains the holdup.

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There was some discussion of the apparent failure of radar suppression on one of the ferry flights into [redacted] on 18 September. It appeared that this was an administrative bobble which would not occur again.

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[redacted] announced that landline communications into [redacted] had been procured, and the system was currently being exercised with the hope that it would be available for use by 26 September. [redacted] announced that if this system became available for use, the present stringent traffic control being exercised between Headquarters and [redacted] could be lifted.

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3. Honolulu Conference - [redacted] announced that the Headquarters participants in the conference to take place in Honolulu would depart on 5 October. [redacted] had been added to the party vice [redacted] and [redacted] is to be included if his operations permit.

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There was a short discussion concerning cable [redacted] 5282 (IN 47424) in which Honolulu "assumed" that it would get the same [redacted] pre-mission message as [redacted] Mr. Bissell said that pending the meeting

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in Honolulu that [REDACTED] would not get such pre-mission info, since only units in direct support of missions receive this.

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ACTION: [REDACTED]

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Mr. Bissell requested that there be a session between him and the [REDACTED] participants immediately after the staff meeting scheduled for 30 September.

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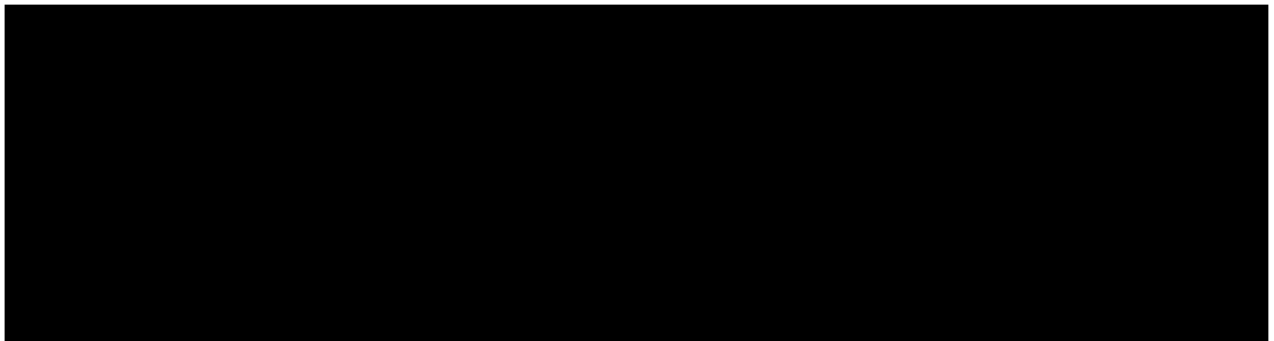
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4. Plausible Denial of Detachment C Overflights - [REDACTED] briefly discussed the exchange of messages among this Headquarters, Detachment C and the 5th Air Force concerning the use of deception tactics by Detachment C when launching overflights from [REDACTED]. Since it had been determined that the use of the airborne spare system was inconsistent with the requirement for deception, General Cabell had given Mr. Bissell more flexibility with regard to the use of an airborne spare in every case.

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6. Malfunction Reports - The first of the malfunction listings requested by Mr. Bissell at the staff meeting of 10 September were submitted and briefly discussed. Mr. Bissell asked [REDACTED] to coordinate the malfunction reporting program for the future, and to forward the essential info contained in the monthly report to the detachments.

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Mr. Bissell expressed his view that a power plant conference was needed in the immediate future with the major participants being representatives of Pratt-Whitney and IAC, with additional representation from this Headquarters. [REDACTED] mentioned that several members of his staff were at that moment visiting several East Coast contractors, including Pratt-Whitney. Mr. Bissell requested [REDACTED] to present his recommendation on the power plant conference at the staff meeting of 30 September.

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8. Budget - There was a short discussion of the difficulties General Cooper had had in actually laying his hands on the money transferred to ARDC to finance [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said he was aware of how these troubles had happened in the past and that they would not recur.

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9. Exchange of Correspondence Concerning Peripheral Missions - Mr. Bissell said he had received a letter from General Frederick J. Sutterlin noting the Air Force's approval in part of the peripheral missions proposed earlier for [REDACTED]. Mr. Bissell commented that the ground rules controlling these missions had changed considerably since the initial proposal to the Air Force, inasmuch as the CHALICE detachment was now in place at [REDACTED] for the major purpose of conducting an overflight. Mr. Bissell felt that since the detachment was already in place, much of the argumentation over the use of the CHALICE capability for peripheral missions was no longer valid.

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10. Control of ZI Travel - Mr. Bissell stated that he wished to centralize control of all ZI travel of his personnel in [REDACTED] office. In addition to those functions [REDACTED] already performs, he is to procure all accommodations, receive complete itineraries from travelers and keep a record of who will be in attendance at various meetings. Mr. Bissell said that he did not feel a formal amendment to Administrative memorandum No. 98, dated 22 August 1956, needed to be published.

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11. Emergency War Plan - [REDACTED] announced that the Air Force had transmitted an answer agreeing to EWP proposals which have been jointly developed. The Ops plan in support of the EWP agreements will be accomplished by CHALICE, USAF and SAC staffs meeting here at Project Headquarters. Ops will follow-up on this.

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