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MEMORANDUM FOR : Project Director  
FROM : Contracting Office

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1. On 16 July 1956 I called [redacted] PM, regarding collimator problems at PMK. After this problem was solved to his satisfaction he stated another problem existed, one of delivery of windows to correspond to the increase in number of hatches. The facts he gave at this time were that his next delivery would be on 15 October 1956, on that date he will forward 2 sets of A Configuration windows and 1 set of windows for a B Configuration. Delivery for 15 November 1956 would be 2 sets for A Configuration and 1 set for B Configuration, etc. for each 30 days.

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2. On 17 July, [redacted] had a telephone conversation with Lockheed, during the course of the conversation Combe expressed his concern over the window production situation. He stated the last a/c leaving Lockheed with windows will be #15. Date of delivery will be 15 August 1956. Four (4) additional a/c (#16, #17, #18 and #19) will be delivered by 20 October 1956. A/c #16 therefore would not have windows for its hatches and each of the subsequent completed a/c would be held back for photo utilization by a 30 day period due to this shortage of windows.

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3. After this conversation to [redacted] a letter from Tom to George [redacted] 5 July 1956) discussing windows was brought to my attention. In reviewing this letter discrepancies were noted between Tom's latest figures and those stated in his letter of 5 July 1956.

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4. On 18 July 1956 I again called [redacted] and called these discrepancies to his attention. He stated the figures enumerated in his letter were in error. The corrected figures were:

2 sets of windows for 2 A hatches by Oct 15  
1 set of windows for 1 A hatch by Nov 15  
Sufficient windows for 2 A hatches by Dec 15  
3 sets of windows for 3 A hatches by Jan 15  
3 sets of windows for 3 A hatches by Feb 15  
4 sets of windows for 4 A hatches by Mar 15  
4 sets of windows for 4 A hatches by Apr 15  
etc. until completion of contract  
Sufficient windows for 1 B Configuration by Oct 15  
Sufficient windows for 2 B Configuration per month thereafter.

The above figures include USAF and Agency requirements.

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5. [redacted] stated the bottleneck is in obtaining the glass blanks from the manufacturer (Schott). He was requested to give us Purchase Order Numbers, manufacturers full name and address and the other pertinent data so that we may attempt to expedite delivery of glass blanks for the windows. He promised to call us the afternoon of 18 July 1956.

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6. [redacted] called this morning, 19 July 1956, giving information relating to glass blanks for hatch windows (i.e. Purchase Order, name of manufacturer, etc.). [redacted] recorded this data and promised to look into the problem. I then queried Tom regarding actual delivery of these blanks. I told him I understood from a source here that actually he will have all the needed glass blanks by August 15. He stated this was correct and I told him I didn't get this impression from my previous conversations with him. I asked him whether essentially the bottleneck is at PAK. Tom said "Yes". In answer to another question, he replied PAK is working overtime in order to produce the windows during the periods as stated in Par 4 of this memo.

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[redacted] does not believe he can expedite shipment of the glass blanks or dices to any helpful degree. Personally I feel PAK can and should maintain a schedule calculated to furnish the windows as a/c become available.

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- Orig - Addressee
- 2 - OCTWRI Master
- 3 - Material
- 4 - [redacted]
- 5 - Operations
- 6 - Carbons
- 7 - Reading

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