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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Motorized Shelving at Army Map Service

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I contacted Mr. Don Abbott, Army Topographic command to inquire if he had anything significant that he could tell me about the performance of their installation of [] motorized shelving. As their installation has been operative for over 4 months I felt that he would have had time to evaluate its performance.

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Mr. Abbott informed me that they have had a problem and that [] was sending one of their engineers to change the gear ratio. This gear ratio change will result in an increase of time required to open an aisle. It is expected that the time will increase from 9 seconds, presently the case, to 14 seconds.

I asked Mr. Abbott if he would let us know if this gear adjustment corrects the existing problem and further requested that he call us if he thinks he has any information of interest to us.

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I feel that a call from [] [] Engineering Office, to Mr. Abbott would be very helpful.

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I also asked Mr. Abbott about the Estey installation that is scheduled to go into Army Map. He told me that the installation has not started yet. He said it will be almost identical in size with the [] installation. When completed this should provide Army Map with an excellent opportunity to compare the two systems.

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