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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Plans and Development, NPIC

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ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1. The editing table manufactured by [REDACTED] has been evaluated. It has two basic advantages over the present model.

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2. First, the addition of a cutting edge is a definite improvement over the old style where the film had to be cut by pulling it along a straight edge. A second advantage is that the vacuum holds the cut film in place, enabling the user to make an accurate splice. However, it is recommended that the vacuum stage be made of a transparent material. The film splice support should also be transparent and etched to enable the user to see where the cut is to be made. The light table needs an adjustable curtain to block off excess light when less than 9.0" wide film is being edited. It is also advisable that a double spool setup be incorporated on the right side of the table to accommodate edited material from the master stock.

3. Because of the location of the cutting knife some difficulty is encountered in making a splice. The splice can be made by leading with the left hand but it would be more desirable if the cutting knife was located in the rear of the table.

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