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CONTRACT NO. A-101

APPROVAL OF OVERTIME WORK

27 June 1955

Approval is hereby given to charge to Contract No. A-101,  
premium pay for overtime in the amount of \$700.00 in  
connection with the work on System No. 1

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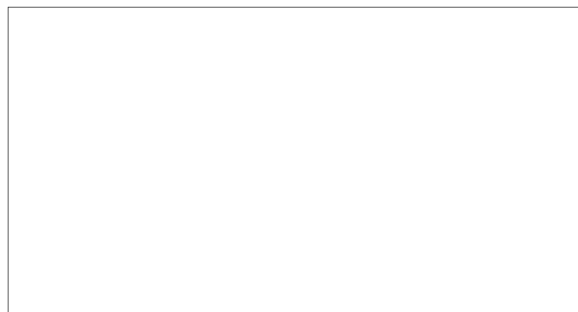
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Dear George:

As I advised you by telephone several days ago, delays experienced in the delivery of certain components essential to the completion of equipment for System No. 1 has caused the shop and assembly operations to lag undesirably and to a point where I became somewhat concerned about our ability to meet the deadlines which were established some time ago. Accordingly, and without your prior approval, I took the liberty of requesting a certain amount of overtime work to insure that the schedules we have established would be met. Because of this action on my part, expenditures for premium pay in the amount of \$73.52 were made on 5 June 1955; corresponding payments in the amount of \$211.56 were made on 12 June 1955. It is estimated presently that additional premium payments in the amount of approximately \$400.00 may be required in order to insure completion of all the work required on schedule. Accordingly, I should like to request your authorization for premium pay expenditures in a total amount of approximately \$685.00.

I indicated to you during the same telephone conversation that an order had been placed with the R-S Electronics Corporation of Palo Alto, California, for the construction of a prototype intermediate-frequency amplifier to be used as a portion of the System No. 3 equipment. The work is to be done at a fixed price of  and it will result in an etched circuit version of the i-f amplifier in a form closely approximating that required for a production version of equipment.

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The work has been given to the R-S Electronics Corporation on an unclassified basis, great care having been exercised to insure that the specifications and general instructions given to representatives of that company would convey no information concerning the nature of the end equipment in which it is to be utilized.

The design of an i-f amplifier of the type required is a comparatively straightforward engineering operation, and our objective in subcontracting this work has been that of reserving our own engineering personnel for the more difficult engineering portions of the project activity.

Prior to requesting R-S Electronics Corporation to undertake this work, five other companies were consulted for the purpose of securing a bid on the work required. The companies contacted were the following: Airborne Electronics Company, Van Nuys, California; Airtron, Inc.,

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Los Angeles, California; Laboratory For Electronics, Los Angeles, California; International Research Associates, Santa Monica, California; and Gilfillan Brothers, Inc., Los Angeles, California. Refusals were received from all of these companies. R-S Electronics Corporation, on the other hand, appeared eager to undertake the work and to complete it within the time period requested, and appeared to have the professional organization necessary to conduct the work properly. The core of the R-S Electronics Corporation engineering group centers around [redacted] [redacted] their Chief Engineer, and a group of eight engineers who were formerly associated with the National Bureau of Standards and who were connected with much of the pioneer development work on the proximity fuze and other devices requiring the use of precision subminiaturization techniques. The competence of this group and the company which they represent appears to be quite firmly established. A great deal of their experience has been channeled closely along the lines necessary to the development of the product that we seek. The company also has an outstanding record with respect to meeting its commitments on schedule. Although the work to be performed for us is being handled on an unclassified basis, we are informed that the company has contacts requiring plant and personnel clearance to the level of Secret.

In view of the foregoing information with respect to the action that has been taken with respect to development of the i-f amplifier strip for System No. 3, we should like to request your approval of the action taken and of an expenditure for this purpose in the amount indicated.

Sincerely,



Burt

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