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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: OXCART Operations Review with Mr. Kelly Johnson

25X1 1. Following is a summary of OXCART operational matters discussed with Mr. Kelly Johnson this date. Mr. John Parangosky, Mr. Gene Kiefer, [redacted] and the undersigned were in attendance.

25X1 a. ARC-50/DF 301 Aerial Rendezvous System:

The requirement for installation of subject system in the A-12 at the earliest possible date was reconfirmed. Mr. Johnson stated that at this time the first ARC-50/DF 301 system was programmed against aircraft #7, but that he would undertake to accelerate this installation into earlier aircraft. The requirement for this installation in aircraft #4, the dual seater trainer, was discussed. Mr. Johnson thought this might be possible and agreed to investigate this proposal on a priority basis.

25X1 d. ARC-50 Ground Installation:

The requirement for an ARC-50 ground installation [redacted] was reviewed for Mr. Johnson. This

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installation will provide a terminal navigation aid and instrument let-down facility for the A-12. Operational target date for this installation was established as coincident with the delivery of the first A-12 with the ARC-50 installation. Mr. Johnson has action on this item.

e. A-12 Emergency Procedures:

Mr. Johnson stated that he is satisfied with subject procedures.

f. Oxygen Endurance:

The requirement for ten hours of oxygen endurance in the operational A-12 aircraft in support of a mission profile with three aerial refuelings was reconfirmed.

g. Forward Staging Base:

The operational concept of operating the A-12 from Eielson AFB, Alaska, was reviewed for Mr. Johnson. Mr. Parangosky requested that feasibility studies of this concept be undertaken by Mr. Johnson as appropriate.

h. Flight Test/Training Corridors:

The approved flight test/training corridors for ZI operations were reviewed for Mr. Johnson. He indicated that they should satisfy his requirements for flight test within the ZI. Mr. Johnson was briefed on the status of the proposed test/training corridor to Alaska [redacted] A meeting on this subject is planned at NORAD in early November with Alaskan Air Command representatives. Target date for finalization of this corridor is 15 December 1962.

i. A-12 Ground School:

Mr. Johnson was briefed on and concurred with the following ground school schedule:

- (1) 10 to 21 December 1962: First five
[redacted] and key [redacted] staff personnel.

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(2) 4 to 9 February 1963: Phase II of ground school for Headquarters staff and remaining [redacted] staff personnel.

J. LAC Instructor Pilot:

Mr. Johnson indicated that he was presently planning to use [redacted] as the LAC IP to check out the first two [redacted] to IP status. The requirement for a formalized check out program by LAC was stressed.

K. LAC Tanker Requirements:

Mr. Johnson reconfirmed that LAC will not require KC-135 tanker support prior to December 1962, at which time two or three sorties will be required.

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