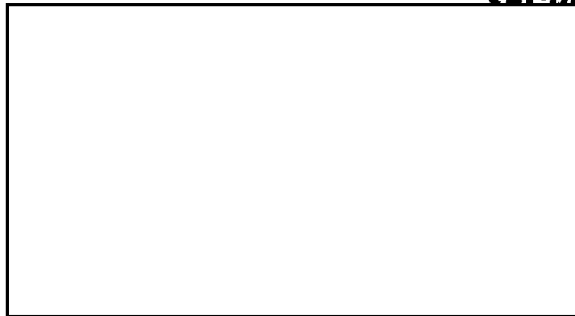


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: A-11/A-12 Operational Procedures

1. A meeting was convened this date for the purpose of finalizing policy and defining responsibility for the development of A-11 emergency and operational procedures. The following were in attendance:

Colonel Geary, L.
Colonel Wilson, H.
Colonel Templeton, H.

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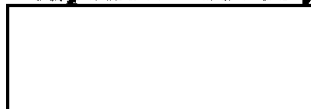


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Major Daniels, W.
Captain Warner, N.

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2. Colonel Geary began the discussion with the comment that he felt that OXCART/EARNING operations should take full advantage of the cover provided by the A-11 operation now at Edwards AFB. No dissenting comments were voiced.

3. Colonel Templeton announced that effective immediately the A-11 has been officially redesignated the YF-12A (F-12 for normal usage).

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4. The following basic policy was agreed to:

a. F-12 operations and implementing procedures will be in accordance with Military Security Standards (Secret, as defined in AFR 205-1) and will be compatible with the protection of the OXCART/EARNING programs.

25X1A [redacted] b. USAF is charged with administering the F-12 security program.

c. ASD/AFPTC is responsible for coordinating with the Director of Program B any F-12 activity which may adversely affect the security of the OXCART or Earning programs.

25X1A 5. Emergency Procedures: Considerable discussion was devoted to the desirability of adapting currently established A-12 [redacted] emergency procedures to the F-12 operation. The central issue of debate was whether or not the use of the classified code word [redacted] was now valid inasmuch as the existence of the F-12 at Edwards AFB is now public knowledge. The key question is; "Wouldn't it be wiser to drop the code word [redacted] from all emergency procedures and in its place substitute the aircraft designation F-12 and use normal emergency 'MAY DAY' procedures?" [redacted] voiced no objection to the use of the designation F-12. [redacted] voiced his reservation to its use and deferred decision on this point until [redacted] and Colonel Ledford could be consulted. However, to continue the discussion, it was assumed that the use of "F-12" in lieu of [redacted] would be desirable on the premise of providing faster, more reliable response to an emergency situation and to communicate this information back to either [redacted] or AFPTC Operations as appropriate. The following modification to existing [redacted] procedures are recommended:

25X1A a. All reference to [redacted] to be changed to read F-12. (Confirmed - 6 April 64 JSM)

b. F-12 aircraft to be assigned a block of [redacted] call signs for their exclusive use.

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e. F-12/A-12 pilots to carry emergency packets. Phone numbers to be changed to delete [] numbers and to substitute NORAD COC phone numbers.

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d. Cleared Senior Controllers at NORAD COC to relay all emergency phone calls or "F-12" emergency messages to [] and to AFFTC Operations. [] and AFFTC to "cross-tell" any "F-12" messages received.

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e. Los Angeles ARTCC to relay any "F-12" emergency phone calls or messages to Senior Controller, NORAD COC for relay as in paragraph 5. d. above.

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f. [] and AFFTC to maintain duty officer at all times F-12/A-12 is flying.

g. Local area search and rescue for F-12 is responsibility of AFFTC. Extended area search for F-12 to be initiated through NORAD COC by AFFTC.

h. Pre-recovery and recovery of F-12 are responsibility of AFFTC.

i. F-12 incident/accident investigation and reporting are responsibility of AFFTC. Colonel Wilson proposed dispatching a classified message to all USAF bases within the F-12/A-12 area of operation from the COS/USAF with the following instructions:

(1) There is a possibility that an F-12 aircraft may experience an emergency at or near the airbase(s).

(2) Base Commander to provide maximum security to the aircraft or crash, render aid to the pilot and immediately notify AFFTC (Phone []) and NORAD COC (Phone []).

(3) No other reports to be dispatched.

(4) All queries to be referred to the USAF Director of Information, Washington, D. C.

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NOTE: It was reaffirmed that pending resolution of using [redacted] versus "F-12" in the development of new emergency procedures, the existing emergency procedures remain in effect for both F-12 and A-12 aircraft.

6. Normal Operating Procedures (F-12):

a. Normal operating procedures will be in consonance with procedures established by AFFTC for other classified projects operating from Edwards AFB.

b. Normally, flight operations will be conducted in either the Edwards AFB SOA (see note below) or into the PMR for live missile firings. As required, DDI75 Flight Clearance will be filed with LAARTCC though normally, when operating in the SOA, flights will be conducted on a local clearance.

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e. AFFTC will notify [redacted] of each F-12 flight.

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[redacted] will be responsible for ascertaining there is no conflict of airspace within the [redacted]

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NOTE: A meeting was convened subsequent to subject meeting for the purpose of discussing the AFFTC proposal to extend the existing Edwards AFB SOA northward and to include a common eastern boundary with the [redacted]. In attendance were Colonel Wilson, Colonel Templeton, [redacted]

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[redacted] Lt. Colonel Palmer (USAF Airspace Reservation Office), Major Daniels, Mr. Ratomski and Mr. Ziegfeld. The proposed SOA would permit the F-12 to climb out within the SOA and with necessary airspace to conduct speed runs returning to Edwards AFB. Additionally, in coordination with [redacted], the proposed common boundary with the [redacted] would permit the use of the [redacted] by the F-12. Major Daniels will submit a detailed SOA proposal to Lt. Colonel Plamer who will undertake necessary coordination with Mr. Ratomski. As required, Mr. Ratomski will conduct negotiation with the ARTCCs involved (Los Angeles, Oakland, Salt Lake City).

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7. Actions Required:

a. AD/OSA concurrence of policy as defined in paragraph 4.

b. Resolution of [] versus F-12 usage in emergency procedures.

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c. Revision of emergency procedures to include both A-12 and F-12 procedures.

d. Dispatch of classified message to all USAF bases by General LeMay as defined in paragraph 5. 1. above.

e. Revision of emergency packet letters to reflect new phone numbers.

f. Coordination of paragraph 7. b., c., d., and e. above with AD/OSA, AFIGO-S, ASD, AFMTC, and []

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g. Coordination meeting of revised procedures with NORAD, FAA, DIG/Safety and Air Rescue Service.

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