

DPD-4249-61

10 July 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, DPB-DB/P
SUBJECT : Helicopter Comparison Status

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1. On 10 July 1961, [redacted] met with Mr. [redacted], NE/SPO, to discuss the technical comparison of the Kaman H-43B and the Mi-4. Subsequent discussions were held with Mr. [redacted] Chief, NE-6, and Mr. [redacted], Deputy Chief, NE-6, and later with Mr. [redacted] NE/SOMAT.

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2. The general conclusions drawn at the meetings were: (a) a complete evaluation comparison is desired; (b) unless the comparison shows the H-43B superior to the Mi-4, the [redacted] should not be approached for possible sale; and (c) there is not sufficient data presently available to make the comparison.

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3. It was decided that the logical approach to the comparison would be to separate the study into three phases. The first phase would be a technical comparison to be made by [redacted]. The second phase would be a general cost phase, and the third phase to be a study of implementing the sale to [redacted] ostensibly as a [redacted]. It was felt that the latter two phases should be accomplished by APB/DPD.

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4. Major [redacted] will make the comparison of performance upon receipt of the technical reports of the two helicopters. The performance evaluation of the H-43B has been requested from AFCIG-5. The performance results of project Longears has been requested of ATIC by Mr. [redacted]. It is anticipated that both reports should be available within a week.

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