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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Information Technology

INFO: Director of Logistics

FROM:   
Executive Officer, OP

SUBJECT: Non-Delivery of Equipment

1. In August 1986, the Office of Personnel (OP) submitted a priority requisition to purchase fourteen (14) personal computers which had to be tempest approved. These computers were to be used in support of the Agency's Thrift Savings Plan which began February 15, 1987. With the guidance of OIT, the IBM 3270 PC/AT was chosen as the computer most suitable for the Thrift Savings Program.

2. The request, which was submitted under DCN 6057-86240-108, was to have been handled on a priority basis. This was to ensure that the personal computers (PCs) arrived before the savings plan's start-up date, then expected to be 1 January 1987. The requested delivery date on the Form 88, "Requisition for Material and/or Services", was 2 November 1986. In October 1986, OP's Logistics Officer was tasked with providing status on the IBM PCs. It was initially reported that the PCs would be delivered in December. That timeframe slipped to the first of January and then to February. Through contacts with Procurement, OP learned that IBM was having "production problems" in tempesteing the computers. There still is uncertainty as to when, if ever, IBM will fill this order.

3. Initially, OP was loaned several personal computers to start the Thrift Savings Plan. These borrowed PCs are due to be returned to the original owners in April 1987. Therefore, it is imperative that OP receive tempest personal computers, either IBM or one that is IBM compatible, before April. We request OIT to provide us with an alternative for the IBM 3270 or resolve the present difficulty with IBM and/or our tempest requirements. The PC's will be located at the Ames Building. If a tempest waiver is possible, that would seem to be the quickest way out of our dilemma.

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