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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Samuel A. Mitchell

SUBJECT: Project AQUILINE

I was under the impression that the scheduled meeting on 20 February was to discuss the total project concept the outcome of which would then govern the position that OSA would take with respect to the manner in which the project would be approached. Since it is impracticable to forecast fallout of a discussion such as that contemplated, the Contracts Management Division's primary concern with Project AQUILINE is whether or not the contract management concept of contracting heretofore practiced in OSA will be applied to the project or whether the logistic procurement concept will be applied. In the event the decision is made that the logistic procurement concept will apply then certain consequences of necessity will follow which will affect the manner in which OSA will be forced to manage this project. Within the framework of the logistic procurement concept is the contracting officer limitation, the utilization of the logistic supply system, the utilization of the Industrial Contract Audit Division, Office of Finance, the submission of actions in excess of [redacted] and overruns in excess of [redacted] of the contract to the Contract Review Board, the utilization of the Blue Book approval technique, etc. It is evident that our existing contracting methods would not be practicable if we were required to proceed along the lines cited, therefore, it would seem to be in the best interest of the program and OSA to request the DDS&T for authority to operate not only the contracting phases, but the support, security, etc., along the OSA program/project concept.

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