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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Contract Monitoring and Field Test

REFERENCE:

1. On September 7, 1966 I went to the offices of [redacted] for a general project review and contract monitoring exercise.

2. A number of subjects were discussed in the [redacted] office, including the following:

A. Progress made to date on the [redacted] project which includes an appraisal of the [redacted] an animal [redacted] in the opinion of the [redacted] we are most likely to be able to achieve a fairly quick payoff. As a result of the discussions, several suggestions were made for some additional work.

[redacted] After considerable discussion on a number of alternative procedures it was decided that because a number of questions have come up since this project was initiated we would proceed to request an extension of time. This extension, at no additional cost to the Government, would bring about completion of this task order, and at the same time would spell out in some detail several changes in scope and content of the task order to be pursued during the period of extension requested. Paperwork is now being prepared on this item and should be in my hands shortly for transmission to [redacted] and other interested parties. This request for an extension of time in no way reflects that the contractor has failed to perform the task which he was assigned under the terms of the original technical proposal. It merely reflects that we were unable to anticipate the many avenues of investigation which presented themselves, mainly because of the nature of the investigations and our inability to predict the probable outcome with any confidence.

B. A short review of progress to date with the [redacted]

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was presented. The small  
has been fabricated and is being tested at the present time.  
They are beginning to do some design work on a suitable  
mechanism

C. The writer and principal investigators, Mr. [redacted] paid a short visit  
to the laboratory of Dr. [redacted]  
where, on the subcontract basis, [redacted] has asked Dr.  
[redacted] to look at the visual capabilities and acuties of

[redacted] The results Dr.  
[redacted] is reporting and which I saw in action are quite sur-  
prising, and it now appears that the [redacted]  
[redacted] If further experimentation  
proves this to be the case, we have the possibility for a  
fairly short range

Dr. [redacted] is proceeding to wrap up this phase of the work.  
and shortly [redacted] will evaluate the data and come  
forward with a recommendation concerning our proceeding to  
look at the feasibility of using an

3. On the afternoon of the seventh the entire party,  
consisting of [redacted] and the  
writer, proceeded to [redacted] a distance of about  
120 miles, by privately owned automobile to observe simple  
demonstrations. After arriving  
we went to the home of [redacted] who has been doing  
some work for [redacted] on consulting contracts. Here  
we witnessed a demonstration of the

4. The following day we took the equipment and installed

In my opinion, the tests, as far as we were able to carry them, were eminently successful and highly satisfactory.

5. It has been determined, therefore, in a subsequent conference with the contractor and his technical personnel that the component of the entire system will now be breadboarded and integrated to the system for further field tests. If the components function as well as the components in this system, we believe we have a very excellent system available.

We anticipate that the development and breadboarding of components will require probably about three months. If we run into any unsuspected difficulties and the time stretches out, we will probably field test again in the as soon as

otherwise, if we get the system ready for field testing