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Dave,

Here is the Reiser/Adkins BIRD mess. Basically what's wrong with the ORD approach is that they assume they have proven the feasibility of the BIRD camera approach and that it will have fairly wide-spread application.

If they proved feasibility in last years efforts with the pigeons, it escaped me. If they proved it, why are we starting all over again this year? If they proved it, why are we ordering new prototype cameras?

The substitution of staff for contractual personnel for testing and training can only be justified if the program is about to go operational. Any such judgement is premature at best.

The proposed funding is also too rich for my taste. Examples are: $5,000 pigeon lofts in Washington and Alaska, $38,000 of QRC work at [redacted] acquisition of radio DF gear, ~~at a level of~~ 100 hours of ~~playing~~ time, procurement of 30 "operational" cameras, and so forth.

I don't think we should buy into this scheme. Either ORD should retain responsibility for the program until its usefulness has been proven, or OTS should take over the ORD funds and prove or disprove the concept on its own more cheaply.

BL.
Bruce

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