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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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1. As you know, an extensive field exercise demonstration of [redacted] systems developed under [redacted] has been planned for late August 1967. It became apparent quite recently that an unknown and unsuspected problem of extension of [redacted] exists. My personal investigations into the problem indicated some severe behavioral syndrome. Accordingly, I requested that [redacted] examine the problem with me and give both a diagnosis and prognosis. This was done, and my own diagnosis was verified. As to prognosis, in summary, my consultants advised that it is their belief (a) the original objectives of the project are well within capabilities of the intended [redacted] (b) failure to achieve, to date, the required [redacted] is due to a behavioral idiosyncrasy which the contractor, [redacted] would not necessarily be acquainted with, (c) three to four months of additional training based upon the protocols attached hereto would produce the desired results, (d) they [redacted] would be pleased to help seek a solution to the problem as outlined in the attachment. Memorandum Proposal, (e) was prepared to implement the proposal immediately upon [redacted] expression of interest.

2. All the above has been discussed in depth and detail with [redacted] who directed me to implement whatever course of action I deemed necessary to achieve desired results. It is

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therefore requested that approval be granted for the actions I am proposing, to wit:

a. Fund and implement the _____ proposal in the amount of _____ for a period of approximately _____ from date of approval.

b. Effectively place total direction and control of _____ in the purview of myself, _____ for an initial period of six weeks to bring about the alterations detailed in the attachments.

c. Subsequent control and direction to be in the hands of _____ with close supervision by _____ and myself.

d. Rescheduling of the field exercises as rapidly as events and progress indicate that such action is warranted.

e. In order to hold costs to a minimum the supplemental budget proposal by _____ will not be considered at this time.

f. Internal study will be instituted to examine and/or revise the format and procedure for field demonstrations.

g. Begin internal studies of the role and function of _____ in follow-on work subsequent to field demonstrations.

3. If the above are approved, it is anticipated that the field exercises will be rescheduled for early in December 1967.