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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND
ENGINEERING DIVISION
MEMORANDUM REPORT ON

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SUBJECT: Conference Between Menasco Manufacturing Company and Air Materiel Command On L1-37 Project
Date 15 September 1947

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OFFICE: TREFP-ES Contract or Order No. _____
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A. PURPOSE:

1. To record conclusions reached at conference held at Wright Field on 11 September 1947 between personnel of Menasco Manufacturing Company and Air Materiel Command as listed below regarding Menasco L-1000 project.

Menasco Representatives

Mr. H. Nelson
Mr. H. C. Price
Mr. B. C. McNeil

Air Materiel Command Personnel

Col. R. J. Minty, Power Plant Lab.
Col. R. J. O'Shea, Power Plant Lab.
Col. R. L. Wassell, Power Plant Lab.
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Mr. E. A. Wolfe, Power Plant Lab.
Mr. W. Worth, Power Plant Lab.
Mr. J. W. Moots, Procurement Div.
Mr. B. C. Simpson, Power Plant Lab.

B. FACTUAL DATA:

1. The discussion between Menasco representatives and Air Materiel Command personnel brought about the conclusions as given herein.

C. CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. Following the discussion of Menasco's corporate position by Mr. Nelson it was concluded that:
 - (a) Vigorous action should be taken to investigate an established engine company taking over the L-1000 project and the key personnel at Menasco.
 - (b) The possibility of Menasco retaining the project or Lockheed being re-established in this project should be tabled for the present.

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(c) Mr. Price should make a tour of Engine Company facilities to investigate their use on the L-1000 project.

(d) The Power Plant Laboratory should institute a series of conferences with established engine companies having adequate engine manufacturing and development facilities for the purpose of interesting these companies in the L-1000 program.

(e) The corporate negotiations should be handled by the corporations without undue interference by the Army.

(f) Mr. Price should, by all means, be the engineer in charge of the program and Mr. Price expressed his feeling that he would be fully cooperative in this matter and had no prejudice in regard to the company handling the program.

(g) The target date for such a transfer should be 1 January 1948.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is imperative that vigorous action be taken to conclude such negotiations prior to 1 January 1948. It is recommended that this action be instituted.

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Concurrence: _____