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ARMY AIR FORCES AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND

MEMORANDUM REPORT ON RIMTEAW/ECS/BB/OC/hhd

SUBJECT: Evaluation of 357 Proposals

Date 1 December 1947

OFFICE TERPP

Contract or Order No

2-31(1-37)

SERIAL No. TSEPP-518-374

Expenditure Order No

A. PURPOSE

To submit recommendations on selection of a contractor to proceed with evaluation of the J37 engine features. B. FACTUAL DATA

1. Appendix I is a discussion of items pertinent to continuation of the J57 angles development.

2. Appendix  $\Pi$  is previous background on the status of the 377 turbs jet empire devalopment program and is contained in Hancemonian Report many=506-225, dated 27 September 1947.

3. Appendix III is a current of the research and development facilities of the Peckard Motor Cas Company, Manger Division, Fairchild Smiles and Alephane Corporation, and wright Aeromatheal Ourporation.

is. Appendix IV is a summary of the costs, rate of development time and other partinent data of the three proposals.

5. Appendix y is a summary of the point grading of the proposals of the three manufacturers.

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1. The 37 angine as now designed is probably too small and would require redesigning to be useful for service by the time its development could be completed.

The features of the 337 m gian are sufficiently advanced in terms of numeric signs design that they should be ovaluated and those data should be unusited and those data should be unusited by the catter directly engine investy, for possible incorporation of the catter of the catter

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5. The point grading of proposals based on 1000 total is as follows: Bright Agromatical Corporation Packard Motor Car Company Ranger Division, Fairchild

4. The Wright Agrematical Corporation is the most feasible contractor of walling potential times of the JST features for the following reasons:

at see level, full load and the complete compressor system at see level,

b. While not muticaed in their proposal, better production same buring facilities are available for this or absequent engines incorporating these feature. c. The contractor does not have a turbo-jet engine under development, as a complete engine, but is working on the development of a turbo-jet axial flor commun.

1. It is recommended that:

a. A contract be negotiated with Bright Aeronautical Corporation to evaluate the features of the PT entire components and the results of this evaluation, excluding subsequent proprietary changes made to the engine or the components by pright, be made available to the streraft engine industry.

b. At conclusion of (a), decision be made as to type and size of the most desirable engine at that time.

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#### APPENIEZ I

DESCUSSION OF TYPES PERTINENT TO CONTINUATION OF J-57 ENGINE DEVELOPMENT

The Covernment desires to continue a program which will evaluate the J-57 engine design features and engine components for the following reasons:

a. Cycle Features. The design cycle features include intercooling, reheat afterburning and extremely high pressure ratios, which give small size, light atverturining and extremely high pressure radies, which give small size, light weight and high efficiency as erdened by approximately 20% lower cruising feel communition than saip other jet type end by approximately for lower radial for the contract of the communities of the fact in the contract of the contract of the compressor, as feature not offered in any other engines. The mechanical features represented in this design are:

- Very light weight components.
  Accurate compressor blade constructions
- Possibilities of overcoming mass production difficulties may encommunicate the present construction schools for exial flow blading.

  (4) A very fast method of attaching purbine and compressor blades to
- rotor which reduces machining time to a minimum. (5) A high Bend carrying type of bearing not used in present type
- (6) Variable areanossle designe
- A new type of fuel nostle which flows both air and fuel.
- An open worker type combustion chamber design for very high pressure. Air cooling of turbine blades. (21) A liquid heat exchanger for applying intercooling in the compression
- (12) A constant speed engine offering safety advantages during wave-off or armissed approach for landing,

Subsequent to the meriding of the engine manufacturers on 15 September at the Power Plant Laboratory to discuss the future of the Hennaso Joy and the turbo prop version thereof, several significant events have occurred. (1) Present prop remains thereof, several rightfloant events have occurred. (1) Present emphasis on propulsion requirements appears to be shifting from turbe prop to turbe jet type makes for bonkardsent directly. (2) If it now recognised more definitely the 6-97, as now designed, is probably too small set by the time the engine features could be evaluated and an engine developed, the need would be fore more developed, the need according to the property of the country of the country of the features and missis of much larger thrust retings. (3) The tentative present alteract and missis of propersy placed impressing emphasis on the supersule rather than the subconic turbe jot engines.

The Government was compelled to terminate the J-37 development with the Menagoo Manufacturing Company because of lack of development facilities at that

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plant antie from the financial and amangement problems involved. In evaluating the proposals substitute to continue the development, the development the the have been considered as being the most important consideration. The engine numericalization facilities for both peacetime and filter energies requirements and the last times of importance in the volum from the next next important consideration, the problem and the effects on government contraction or a contractory plants.

To evaluate the merits of the components of the  $J\!-\!57$  engine, the most important items are:

- (1) Test evaluation of the compressor system.
- (2) Test evaluation of the turbine unit.

In the design cycle, it is a prerequisite that the compressor system and the turbins until statist the assumed component officie ancies under actual operation as a statum in order to justify the use of the cycle in an engine. The essential test facilities for a factual evaluation of the engine should conside of facilities wherein separate or independent testing of the major components as complete units on he accomplished. For adequate beauting of the turbins, it is considered that - 1, 18 is measured to test all stages as a complete unit because of the dependence of the stages which is the stages of the turbins of the turbins be totated with the stages are not accomplished. The stage is an emplote unit because of the turbins is totated with the stages of the stage of the sta

The turbles must required approximately 12,000 horsepower absorbing equipment together. Make 12,000 blue, per equire into pressure for ear level tests and requires appearing testy 7000 absorption at 35,000 altitudes.

Time as analyzed as made of the component backing featilities of the terms bidders considered, it is noted that only right accounting to the terms indicated the state of the component of the component of the carticlent anguly to test both complete compressor system and complete turbins system and this invariess \$0.001,000.00 in outsideation of the entiriting famility. In the case of the complete turbins system with but games because of (i) Inmifficient supplies the complete turbins system with but games because of (ii) in mifficient supplies of the complete turbins system with but games because of (iii) the outside the complete turbins of the component of the complete turbins of the complete

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driving power does not posselt one level testing of either compressor unit or the complete compressor system but the Packard refrigerable air facility does posselt and the proposed resting. The full compressor system can be tested at only an altitude at 6 approximately 55,000 and the state of the compressor could be strated at 6 approximately 55,000 and the rest approximately 600 ft. or above 600 ft. or above

Based upon the proposals from the Sange Aircraft Engine Company, the facilities for testing either the compressor system or the turbine unit are not leading the results that Company must rely upon the use of other poverment facilities such as the Edds Laboratories. Consequently, this proposal has received the

The question has been considered as to whether the Packard Company and ing question as been companies as so summer and recover company and Bunger British sould accomplish the besting desired if the companies were given longer Haviness could accompain the towing courses at the companies were given the \$1,005-65-500 include region for modifying their facilities, plus any difference in cost that negotiations might indicate, for calling towing facilities. The funds obtained in this manner might be sufficient but the delay in obtaining her author ormanic in this manner might be surricious but the delay in obtaining the large noting and absorption equipment would seriously retard the evaluation of the J-77 cagine features.

# Mamifacturing and Production Pacilities.

Since Wright, Packard and Banger have existing development contracts from the Air Forces or Easy for gas turbine type engines, all three companies, with top art forces or may tur me surplus type meaner, his tures companies, with the possible exception of special tools possible to the Mary engine such as which will be exception uniquent for fabrication of most experimental engine parts which will be such of the three companies, the will are mantical corporation has the greatest potential capacity for production with these moderages for Juray surplusting might be made the force and the fabrication of the surplusting of the surplusting the su has the greatest potential capacity for production with chair modridge, for decay production plant which is now used to turn out limited quantities of rediprocating engines for the Many, Tablant, however, he not been considered or cooled for greatering productions. A plant, but the constant of the constant of which are of which 2,557,535 sq. ft. is company most exit high 70 sq. ft. leased and walking the constant of the consta

Ranger has a total of owned and leased production space of 185,757 sq. ft. at participate, Long Icland, MAIs, of which 105,021 sq. ft. is company owned and 187,756 sq. ft. is company owned and World May II to establish production lines. This facility was used during a company of the company of the larger Icliffo and work of the larger Icliffo and Icliffo here me it to sentential promotion takes on the larger soup and ""//o re-diprocating engloss and has not as yet been converted to gas turbine production since manger development on gas turbine type author has not resolud the production

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Feeland has no production facilities as such shick would be available for production of the 32-77 or other magine design in the ship of the 12-17 feetures. Feeland estimates that which night result from ordinates of the 32-77 feetures. Feeland estimates that when the constitution of the ship o

# Effect of J-37 Evaluation Project Upon Contractors Current Development Programs

The evaluation of the J-77 engine major components and the continued fevelopment of the engine project by one of the three companies substituing proposale to continue the work will affect that company's current engine development program. The following comments are submitted:

- (1) The Packard Company has only one project which extends beyond 1 July ids. Immely, the Jif docted fan engine. The Jil turbe yet will be completed in dume id with no further work contemplated. Therefore, form the cloth of thing the J-T development with added Henasoo engineering personnel, slight well TVI into the contribution of this plant.
- (2) The Wright Aeronautical Corporation has only one major development project since the Tell's turbe prop and the JJL turbe jet have been deleted as one plates the transport of presents and thanks, would sit into Mright Aeronautical Corporation without detributes to design projects prog under contract of presents of military projects per under contracts.
- (3) The Ranger Division has at present, one give turbine projects under development for the Bircau of Agronauties. The first is a large multi-unit turbe prop of 10,000 Hz, and the second is a 1000 Hz, thenet tent along multi-unit turbe would have to be constitud as to how the j-jy sight fit into the Ranger rough require securitally the Hemano employees of the Ranger rough require securitally the Hemano employees of self-operating as a distinct unit under Mr. Price to carry out the program.

## Cost and Bate of Bevelopment.

because of the differences in method of attack of the engine development problem, countries and in relation of testing facilities available, it is impossible and a direct oout computer one could be done in the purchase of a well defined and product. To this problem is added the further complication of fined price contract proposal in the case of firith aternatical Corporation.

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and out plus find fee outsets for Packard and Ranger. Passerges, other feathers; notably, seating facilities, are considered so much mer superiant that cost has notably, seated dard in the spallantian and negligibilities by Procurement Dirinton named by understains to obtain the best possible contract with the contraction and obtain the best possible contract with the contractor called the in the basis of engineering points. Although all these manufacturers are propose an intensive rate of development, the different development procedures as districted largely by facilities miss a direct comparison of development rates in-vestigation.

### Method of Attacking this Problem

The method of attack as exemplified in the proposals would indicate;

- (1) Fackard Company places emphasis upon the importance of securing Hemason personnel and attendant know-how to carry on the development of the J57 design and state that the brief review, the design cycle in their opinion is entirely feasible, providing the component efficiencies are actually attained.
- (2) Wright Aeromatical Corporation by the nature of their proposal indicates less willingness to accept on face value the feasibility of the cycle without considerably more detailed theoretical review.
- (3) From the nature of their proposal, Ranger Division envisions proceeding with full scale engine test as the engine nor exists and following through with 50 hour qualification test and 150 hour type tests.

#### Menasco Personnel

In regard to the proposed use of key Menaco personnal, Bright Assomittion! Organization status that discussions have already been held with Nr. Nr. O. Frice on this subject for the purpose of establishing those personnal, including Nr. Nr. O. Frice, who will not affectively bring to this compary the accumitated experience on the ASY megias, and Archire than the test for the employment and transportance on the ASY medias, and Archire them the test for the employment and transport of subjected Menaco personnal to Woodfield and also that in these negativations, the maximum incentive possible to encourage their trumber will be made. However, it will be measured to be subjected and also that in the subject to the company of the company of the relation to the bands of the subject of the company's present was standard and organizational structure. It is further than the company is all stilling and produced the company's additing and presents and

Renger states that they recommend transfer of approximately 10 engineers and key personnel maintained as the nucleus of an integrated or ganisation under the supervision of Mr. N. G. Prices.

Resime's states that their proposal contemplates the employment of approximately 50 key personnel associated with this program and strongly emphasizes this points and in a talephone conversation I becomes 1047 stated they definitely intend to magnitate for the employment of Mr. N. O. Prices.

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Of the above, Ranger's proposal for personnel utilization is considered the best of the three since it preserves the home-ber of the 1-77 as a unit. The proposal substitution and Pastand have smaller proposals although the state of the 1-75 as a unit. The proposal substitution of the 1-75 and 1-75 are the 1-75 are t

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SUBJECT: Menasco XJ37 Turbo-Jet Engine Development

TSEPP-S/EAW/hde Date 25 September 1947

OFFICE TSEPP

SERIAL No. TSEPP-506-228

Contract or Order No.W-33-038-AC-15310

Expenditure Order No. 506-18

A. PURPOSE:

1. To outline the position of the Government with respect to the XJ37 turbo-jet engine development.

# B. FACTUAL DATA:

1. Memorandum Report TSEPP-506-220 dated 10 September 1947 reports on a conference with Menasco personnel wherein the financial position of the Menagoo Manufacturing Company and its ability to continue the XJ37

2. Memorandum Report TSEPP-506-226 dated 24 September 1947 reports on a conference with representatives of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation wherein the attitude of lockheed with regards to disposition of the XJ37

3. Memorandum Report ISEPP-506-223 dated 15 September 1947 reports on a conference with representatives of Menasco Manufacturing Company on the disposition of the XJ37 engines resulting in a recommendation that action be taken to investigate an established engine company with proper facilities taking over the XJ37 engine project.

4. Memorandum Report TSEPP-506-224 dated 22 September 1947 reports on a conference held at Bright Field with representatives of Lockheed, Menasco, and of major engine manufacturers wherein the engine companies Manago, so or major signs manuscurers morein me signs commands were presented that the consider assuming the development and pro-duction of the Menago Life? turbo-jet angles, the turbo-prop version of the XJ57, and possibly the ran jet development under way at Menasco.

# C. CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. As a result of the above-listed conferences it is concluded that:
  - a. The Army Air Forces is definitely interested in continuing the development of the X457 turbe-jet and turbe-prep versions of this engine. (N.R. TEEPP-506-225 dated 15 September 1547)

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- b. Memasco Manufacturing Company does not have facilities or necessary financing to continue the XJ37 engine project. (M.R. 75EPP-506-220 dated 20 September 1917)
- c. Lockbeed directs Corporation does not have necessary facilities for development of the XASY magine provided they were to assume the project chilgation, maining of necessary facilities would be direct figurator. Lockbeed a stempt and Lockbeed is not interested in corrying on the XASY project, (Mar. 2022-200-202 dated 28, September 2047).
- d. The engine development can best be furthered by transferring the project and Memaco's key personnel to an established engine company pessesing the necessary facilities. (M.R. TSEFP-506-223 dated 18 September 1947)
- e. In the event no established engine manufacturer is interested, the development should be cancelled since the present West Coast facilities would not praif further development of the engine.

# D. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- It is recommended that every effort be made to permit an established engine annua curer to take ever the XJ57 turbo-jet and turbo-prop development.
- 2. It is recommended that in the event no established engine manufacturer inving the proper facilities can be interested in carrying on the XJ97 engine development that he can be interested to cancelled; presents contracted closed out with deliver projects can equipment, and that these reports and equipment by an expect and equipment by the expect of the contract of the engine manufacturers on an equal banks in order to the limit of expect and expect the engine through the engine through the engine through the engine through paid for.

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APPENDIX III

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SUMMARY OF MAJOR TEST FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR J57 ENGINE DEVELOPMENT

# PACKARD

See Packard Report PD 2513 7/1/47

Simpressor Drive - 1400 HP + 1100 HP Aircraft Engine = Total 2500 HP Speed Increasing Gear Required Limited to Altitude Touts Only 110/sec air at -705 Refrigeration

Capacity
198/sec air at 44°F Refrigeration
Capacity

Turbine - 8000 HP Absorption Dynamometer 1 ea.
2700 HP " 1 ea.
600 HP " 1 2 ea.
Cold Test and Simulated Hot Seet at

Cold Test and Simulated Hot Test at Altitude. 45" Duct Dia. Max. Air flow 90-110#/sec at 60" hg.

Combustion Chamber 90-1109 at 60" Hg.

Bpin Test Pit - Handle 54s dia.

72s long up to 1000s and 25,000 RPM

Gells - 2 - 24 x 24 x 100\*

Schlerein Photo graphic Equipment

#### RANGER

Compressor Drive - 1 ca. - 1500 HP Engine. Additional 1500 HP Marine Engine in February 1948 Test Only Four Stages of Front Comuressor.

Turbine - None

Require NACA or other Government Facilities

Gombustion Chamber - Require Outside

Intercooler - Require Outside

Spin Pit - No Statement

Cells - 1 cell, Size Hot Stated

Compressor Drive - 12,000 RPM 15,000 HP

Air Flow Sig/sec at 160" Hg No Refrigeration

Turbins - 2 ea 5000 HP Absortion Dynamometers 5 - 12,000 RPM 2 ea h000 HP Dynamesters 544/sec at 700° F

Gombustion Chamber Test 60 psia 15.99/sec

WRIGHT

Spin Test Pit
50" dia X 80" long 25,000 RPM
Hot Test, 11-1/2" dia. 30,000 RPM

Galls - 2 - 30' x 30'

Schleiren Photographic Equipment
Electric Analogue Equipment for Control
Analysis

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#### APPENDIX IV

COST AND THE SUMMALIES INCLUDED IN JS7 DEVELOPMENT PROPOGALS

Changes in presering modifying and equipment are considered

\$2,250,000.00 1-1-ld

2,625,000.00 2-1-50

2,625,000.00 1-1-52

\$7,500,000.00

RANGER AIRCRAFT REGIES DIVISION PACKARD MOTOR CAR COMPANT Notes: A. Type of Contract - Cont Plus Fixed Pes

> Cost Delivery PERSON I

\$119,000.00

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Notes: A. Tree of Contrast - Cost Plus Pixed For 3. Following are minimum cost estimates.

> Phases I md H sever the issediate proposal. Phases III, IV, T, VI and the Tarbe-prop Items cover subsequent programs based on completion of Phases I am II.

D. The proposal is based on completion of four (h) sets of party

E. Costs include transfer costs of key personnel from Memasco to

venent and Establishment of Project at Paskard \$55,000.00 3-1-55

F. Costs do not include payments to Lockheed for Patent Highte (885,000.00)

Description

Reports Covering Tests of Components as Reserved

Combustion Chamber (Low Pressure)

Consultion example (2 Sections)
Turbine Hoszle Flow (2 Sections)
Cascade Tests of 1 Stage Turbine Blades
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Preparation and Pabrication of Test Equipment

Properation and Februaries of Test Squipment and Set-up of Pell Scale Engine

Tests under Item 3 (Actual Dench Test North)

Testing of Hechanical Auxiliaries as Received. Coar Trains and Bearings, Poel, Starting and Coatral Systems, Afterburger and Variable Ares Exhaust Socie TOTAL PRANCE I AND IT

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Manufacture of 5 Comple to Engineer

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final Development of Components and Sevelopment Testing of Engines

TOTAL - ALL PRASES

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C. Conta inslade transfer costs of 10 secole allowable charges agains' contract costs. Costs for further fabrication of parts by Menasco or

Front Compressor Variable Social Scotton of Front Compressor

Redesign of Component Testing, Includes & additional Engines, Component and Full Scale

Judrieste 5 Engines, Development Testing Including 150 Hour Qualification Test.

Combustion Commber (MACA facilities required)

B. Two engines will be available for delivery upon completion of Phase I.

from Homeson to Renter.

Compensat and Pall Scale Testing

4. Rear Congressor

patent right payments to Lookheed are not up cifically mentioned, but it is implied that they are not included, WRIGHT ASSOCIATIONAL CORPORATION

Enter, 1. Two of Contrart - Final Price

Costs do not include transfer of pressuel from Manages to Bright (Britmis \$5,000.00 per individual

Costs do not include payments to Lockhood for patent rights (885,000.00)

D. Costs are not predicated upon completion or further fabrication of \$57 perts by Hemasso

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PEALE			200
1	Analytical Studies of Besign and Enstallation	\$ 155,168.00	. 11-
5	Design and Paletantian of Test Equipment Modification for Components Testing	1,005,193.00	1-1
3	500 Hours Components Seash Tooting	570,158.00	1-1
4	Design and Fabrica to Adaptors for Components - Compressor Burner and Turkine	729,109.00	1-
5	Pabricate and Development Yesting of Major Components. 200 Hours Testing	50,000.00	9-
6	Design and Fabrica to Full Scale Engine Took Modifications	150,000.00	9-3
5		45,158,208.00	
7	Pall Scale Regime Testing	Not Specified	Not Ope old

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APPENDIX V

Point Grading of Proposals Maximum Attainable - 1000 Points

	Maximum Value		ORade Value	
		Wright	Packard	Ranger
Test Facilities	1,00	300	150	25
Manufacturing Facilities	200	150	50	100
Effect on Government Contracts at Contractor's Plant	100	75	75	50
Method of Attacking This Problem	100	75	90	60
Menasco Personnel	200	100	150	175
Total	1000	700	515	امتا

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