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MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, Materiel Branch, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT : Proposed Alterations of Air Section and Air Maintenance Section Space

REFERENCE : Memorandum for AC/DPD from C/DPD/MAT, dated 30 January 1961; Subject: "Alterations of Air Section and Air Maintenance Section Space" (DPD 0556-61)

1. Prior to receipt of the referenced document, I discussed the 25X1A
question of need for this facility with ████████████ Neither of us
had any trouble in recognizing the propriety of the requirement, but I
have become somewhat inured to our space problems for so long that any-
one's needs become relative.

2. I find the cost estimate of $26,150 staggering. I assume this
figure does not change in our favor once the title to the building here
passes to GSA. I can sum my feelings up as follows:

   a. I agree with your views that we should proceed slowly
   on obligating DPD funds for major alterations on this sort,
   since there seems to be no change in our direction which has
   us moving toward the new building next year.

   b. In view of the potential acquisition of 4,000 square
   feet on the first floor of this building on or about 1 March,
   and considering the factor that to the best of my rememberance
   there is space there that could be readily converted to an Air
   Section briefing room, I feel we should go down this path
   despite the obvious disadvantages of having the command struc-
   ture split between two floors as the best temporary measure in
   light of paragraph 2. a. above.

3. Accordingly, as soon as possible would you let me have an idea of
what cost would be involved in a minimal conversion of the first floor space
for the purposes set forth above.

SIGNED
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