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8 AUG 1955

SUBJECT: (U) Proposed Press Release, Project 1794
Contract AF33(600)-30161

TO: AVRO Aircraft Limited
Box 4004, Terminal "A"
ATTN: Contracts Administrator
Toronto, Ontario
Canada

1. The advantages and disadvantages of a press release on subject contract are still under consideration by the USAF. The disadvantages currently appear to overcome the advantages, but the matter of a press release has not yet died completely. It is considered advisable, therefore, to have a newsitem prepared and coordinated in the event instructions to release it are received. (UNCL)

2. The release proposed by the WADC Public Information Office is as follows:

"The Air Force announced today it has signed a research and development contract with AVRO Aircraft, Limited, Ontario, to obtain analytical design and test results of a proposed new aircraft. Size of the contract is approximately $785,000." (SECRET)

3. The contractor's comments on this proposed release are requested. Assurance has been given that any release will be made simultaneously by your firm and the USAF. (UNCL)

4. Until issued to the press, the release carries the classification of "Secret". (UNCL)

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Hq ARDC Ltr to AVRO Aircraft Ltd, "(U) Proposed Press Release,
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    5.   Due to a recent reorganization, this office is now a part
of Headquarters, Air Research and Development Command, although its
location will remain at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. RDZ-1SBA
replaces WCSBA as the office symbol and the new address is as given
in the letterhead. ARC offices, such as MCPHBB, are not affected by
this change. (UNCL)

    6.   This letter is classified SECRET in accordance with para-
graph 23e, AFR 205-1.

    FOR THE COMMANDER:

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