

# Boeing Would Study Avro Bids on Bomarc

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Seattle, Feb. 23—Indication that the Boeing Airplane Co. will subcontract Bomarc long-range air defense missile work in Canada, was made by Lysle A. Wood, Boeing vice-president and general manager of the pilotless aircraft division today.

"We have requested bids from Canadian firms for nearly 100 selected items of Bomarc weapon system equipment," he said.

"Our studies of Canadian manufacturing capabilities show that a substantial number of firms there would be able to bid competitively with domestic industry on the high precision work required in the Bomarc program."

Asked if Boeing was considering placing subcontracts with Avro in the Bomarc program, a company spokesman said:

"The Boeing Airplane Co. is giving consideration to Canadian industrial support as it may be utilized to support the Bomarc program. Source selection is based on competitive evaluation of proposals related to requirements. This is a continuing effort.

"It is not the policy of the company to identify specific proposals to specific companies. Boeing is acquainted with Avro and other companies which are a part of A. V. Roe of Canada. They will receive consideration in accordance with the foregoing statement."

Earlier Boeing had announced that a \$1,700,000 contract had been awarded Canadair Ltd. of Montreal, for production of

wings and ailerons for the Bomarc missile. The wings and ailerons will be manufactured at Canadair's Montreal plant and shipped to Boeing in Seattle for assembly.

Late last year Boeing contracted for the services of 180 engineers from Canadair. Two groups have been working on the Bomarc program in Seattle and at other Boeing installations in the United States.

Questioned whether Boeing would seek the services of engineers and technicians laid off at the Avro and Orenda plants at Malton, Ont., Robert H. Jewett, assistant general manager of the pilotless aircraft division, said: "The 180 Canadian engineers here are doing very well. We are highly pleased with them. They are coming along well and we are well satisfied. We are not planning to add any others at present but we might consider it in the future. This would not be confined to Canadair employees."