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9 March 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: OC Equipment Board Members

SUBJECT : Minutes of the Equipment Board Meeting
of 6 March 1973

1. Meeting No. 2-73 of the Office of Communications Equipment Board was held on 6 March 1973. Those present were:

Members: Mr.
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Also present:

New Business:

25X1 2. Mr. [] opened the meeting by stating that the
25X1 agenda for today's meeting called for a presentation by
25X1 Mr. [] OC-CCD on the coder-keyer situation.

25X1 3. Mr. [] said that the purpose of the meeting
was to review for the board the existing supplies of coder-
keyers, those which are developed and ready for production,
and the future development goals. Availability of R&D funds
for completion of existing developments as well as the avail-
ability of procurement funds for purchase of completed systems
will impact CCD decisions in coder-keyer development, pro-
curement and replacement.

25X1 4. Mr. [] called the attention of the Board Members
to the coder-keyer handout (Attachment A). He then outlined
the coder-keyer situation and graphed the existing plans as
follows:

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CODER/KEYER	FISCAL YEAR			
	FY-73	FY-74	FY-75	FY-76
CK-8	-----			
CK-33	-----> ?			
CK-45	\$125k	125k	----->	
CK/A-33	-----X			
CK-42				350k----->
CK-43	- 2 way system -			

25X1 Mr. [] explained that at the current rate, our stock of CK-8's will run out during FY-74. If we begin using the CK-33 as a replacement for the CK-8, our stock level will also be depleted during FY-74. Several ways of making the CK-33 less restrictive (reducing cost and waiving approval by D/DO) were discussed.

5. The CK-45 was designed as a low-cost replacement for the CK-8. We have spent \$125k of FY-73 funds for procurement of the CK-45 and will spend another \$125k of FY-74 funds.

25X1 6. Mr. [] asked if CCD was convinced that the CK-45 would be more reliable than the CK-33. Mr. [] replied that CCD's tests and evaluations would support such a conclusion. Mr. [] asked why did the CK-45 use magnetic tape and mechanical tape processing rather than solid state. 25X1 Mr. [] stated that for several reasons; time in development, state of the art, delays, etc. 25X1

7. Mr. [] continued the review with a status report on the CK-42 which will be ready for production in FY-74. He then concluded the presentation with the following CCD recommendations:

(a) Consume the remaining CK-8 and CK-33 equipments and not reorder either.

(b) Procure the CK-45 as a replacement for both the CK-8 and CK-33.

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(c) Consume the Baudot CK/A-33 on our [redacted] Telephone systems, etc.

(d) Develop and produce the CK-42 in accordance with our existing plans.

(e) Continue with CK-43 program as it applies to the PAC system, but not decide at this time whether to produce.

8. Mr. [redacted] suggested we spend the \$125k for CK-45 procurement, then wait until the CK-42 development jells before we decide to buy more CK-45's. Mr. [redacted] agreed and Mr. [redacted] remarked that the entire production of CK-45's should be considered "service test models" and subject to careful evaluation before buying more. There was a general consensus that this would be the preferred course of action.

9. Mr. [redacted] thanked the Board for their endorsement of the CCD program and promised to make a similar presentation when the CK-42 and CK-43 programs have made significant progress.

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Director of Communications

Attachment:
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