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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (I&amp;L)

SUBJECT: Kent Island Research and Development Project (U)

- REFERENCES: (a) ASD (P&I) Memo, Subject: Real Property Action - Disposal; Curtis Bay Storage Activity, Maryland, dtd 15 Jun 59
- (b) NSA Memo, Serial: N 3849, Subject: Disposal and Construction Facilities, Curtis Bay, Maryland, dtd 14 Sep 59
- (c) ASD (P&I) Memo, Subject: Real Property Action - Curtis Bay Activity, Maryland (NSA Facilities), dtd 23 Oct 59

1. The Research and Development project planned for Curtis Bay was not implemented and the land lease permit provided the National Security Agency has been terminated. The cost estimate (\$350,000.00) prepared by the Baltimore District Engineer as a part of the preliminary design for the Curtis Bay project was not economically feasible. A survey was conducted to find another site which could be economically developed. Such a site was located at Kent Island, Maryland, and the Washington District Engineer has obtained a very favorable five-year renewable lease.

2. It is requested that permission be granted to develop the Kent Island site in lieu of Curtis Bay. An architect-engineer has rendered an engineering report on Kent Island and has estimated a total cost of \$150,000.00 for the development of this project.

3. National Security Agency FY-61 RDT&E funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 will be used to implement this project. The first portion of the project consists of a power line, new road, siting and construction of a 20' x 40' nonconductive (concrete masonry) building. A nonconductive building is essential for the effective accomplishment of the project. The remainder of the project consisting of clearing, grubbing and soil stabilization may be accomplished at a later date.

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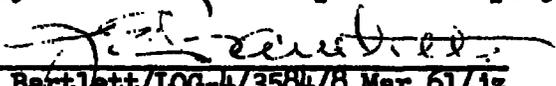
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M/R: This Memo is a request to gain official sanction from SecDef for the construction of the Research and Development project at Kent Island in lieu of Curtis Bay. It also indicates the estimated cost of the project. Normally, a project of this estimate falls within the category of MCA projects. However, it is felt that RDT&E funds may be utilized to expedite the project.

  
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