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TO : General Groves

DATE: 29 August 1944

FROM : Captain Derry

SUBJECT: Army Air Forces' Program for Operations.

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1. Conversation with Colonel Wilson on 28 August developed the information that the Air Forces have moved at an extremely rapid pace in the last three days in advancing their phase of the program toward coordination with other phases of the Manhattan District work. Several points were brought out in conversation which are worthy of being noted and certainly bear coordination and investigation with our activities.

2. Colonel Wilson advised me that the conference of Saturday, 26 August, amounted to advising certain Air Force officers of their work necessary to further the Air Forces' interest in the project. General Giles, Assistant Chief of Air Staff, conducted the meeting and advised each one of the officers involved what his function in the program would be. At the conclusion of the meeting, General Giles advised that in the event of a leak in information, the officer concerned would stand court martial. Not all phases of the work were discussed with these officers at the Saturday meeting, but only sufficient information given so that their job could be performed in an efficient manner.

3. General Giles called in the Commanding General of the 2nd Air Force, General Ent, for conference on Monday 28 August, to advise him what his work would consist of in cooperating with operations to develop an operational squadron and make available certain of his facilities for the development of a combat group. General Ent recommended a certain Colonel Montgomery as the commanding officer for this squadron. It seems that Colonel Montgomery comes extremely highly recommended (recommendations had been made through channels for his promotion to Brigadier but this recommendation is being withdrawn in order to permit Colonel Montgomery to lead the squadron). Colonel Montgomery is existing Deputy A 3 for the 20th Bomber Command. It seems that he is extremely capable, combat wise and is a good leader for training an operational squadron. Colonel Wilson advised me that the squadron had been selected, which is the 393rd Squadron of the 504th Heavy Bombardment Group.

4. The base for operation has also been selected - this is to be Wendover Field, Utah. All other facilities will be moved away from the field, leaving this field for the exclusive use of the 393rd Squadron under Colonel Montgomery. The housekeeping detachment is the only existing group to be left at the field. The assignment of Colonel Montgomery as commanding officer of this group has not been definitely set yet, but it appears that he will be the man. Colonel Wilson will advise Colonel Lansdale when the assignment has been made definite.

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5. The Glenn L. Martin Modification Center at Omaha, Nebraska, has been selected as the site for modifying the B-29 airplanes. One airplane is already in the line undergoing modifications. The tentative schedule is in substance as follows:

- 3 delivered to Modification Center before 1 October 1944,
- 5 before November 15 and 6 before December 15. The first
- 3 should be out of the modification center before 15 November,
- the second group of 5 out by 15 December, and the final group
- of 6 by 1 January 1945.

Major W. H. Graham, the Army Air Forces representative at the plant, will be in charge of the modification work to the B-29s. Captain R. L. Roark, presently assigned at Wright Field, will in general supervise the operations at Omaha. Modifications to the airplane will not be considered confidential and will be done right in line with other airplanes in order to facilitate operations and obtain speed. However, the equipment to be installed in the airplane will be considered confidential and treated as such.

6. Colonel Wilson requested 300 blockbusters in order to permit the 393rd Squadron to train. He suggested that if Colonel Montgomery is the right man for the job, he ought to have a handful of ribbons for his part in it.

7. Muroc Army Air Base is to ^{be} abandoned from any consideration for operational training in connection with our work inasmuch as the 4th Air Force is restricting the field to heavy bombardment group training. It is not presumed that this will interfere with the projected test operations that Captain Parsons expects to run in the near future.

*1186 - You please to take this up with Wilson - I think he wants to know Capt. Parsons to go ahead at Muroc - P only
has about 2 more weeks to go
is planning to go ahead at Muroc
right away, J*

JMD
DERRY

POSTSCRIPT:

Colonel Wilson advised me at 4:30 p.m. 29 August that General Giles, Assistant Chief of Air Staff, had decided that Colonel Montgomery was not to be the Commanding Officer of this new bomber group. Colonel Wilson has received advice from General Giles that Colonel Tibbetts has now been nominated for the position. He will advise me when this assignment is confirmed. Colonel Montgomery was not aware of either his nomination or his cancellation thereof.

Colonel Lansdale has been acquainted in general with the above action.

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ENT, UZAL GIRARD

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BIRTH: Northumberland, Pa., 3 Mar. 1900. DEATH: Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colo., 5 Mar. 1948.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING: Student, Susquehanna Uni v., 1917-18; B. S., USMA, 1924; Chem. Warfare Sch., 1925; AS Bln. and Airship Sch., 1926; AO AFS, Special Obsn. Course, 1928; AO PFS, 1936; AO AFS, Obsn. Course, 1936; AO Tactical Sch., 1937; C. and G. S. Sch., 1938.

GENERAL STAFF CORPS: 17 Aug. 1939 to 31 Jan. 1943.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS: Pvt. to opl., Sig. C. and AS, 4 Mar. 1918 to 14 Mar. 1919; Sgt., AS, 15 Mar. to 12 June 1919; cadet, USMA, 13 June 1919 to 12 Jan. 1920 and from 1 July 1920; 2 lt., AS, 12 June 1924; 1 lt., 12 Apr. 1929; capt., 1 Aug. 1935; maj. (temp.), 11 Mar. 1940; lt. col., AUS, 9 Jan. 1941; maj., 12 June 1941; lt. col. (temp.), 15 Nov. 1941; col., AUS (AO), 1 Mar. 1942; brig. gen., AUS, 4 May 1943; maj. gen., AUS, 2 June 1944; retired, disability in line of duty, with rank of maj. gen., 31 Oct. 1946.

PRINCIPAL ASSIGNMENTS: Personnel Adjt., Scott Fld., Ill., July 1926 to Aug. 1927; Post Personnel Adjt. and Recruiting Officer, Langley Fld., Va., 1928 to June 1929; Post Inspector, Grissay Fld., Calif., May to Oct. 1930; Chief Engrg. Officer and Chief Inspector, Engrg. Dept., Philippine Air Depot, Nichols Fld., P. I., Sept. 1931 to c. Dec. 1932; Asst. Post Adjt., Langley Fld., Va., c. Jan. to June 1933; Mil. Attache, Amer. Embassy, Lima, Peru, July 1939 to 1942; C/S, USA Forces in Middle East, Oct. 1942 to Feb. 1943; CG, IX Bomber Comd., Feb. to Dec. 1943; C/S, Second Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colo., 28 Dec. 1943 to date not found; retired 31 Oct. 1946.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: DSO, 30 Aug. 1943; OLC, date not found; DSM, OLC,

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1943; DFC, 1928; OLC, 16 May 1943; LM; AM, July 1943; OLC; WW I Victory Mdl., Amer. Def. Serv. Mdl., Amer. Thea. Mdl., WW II Victory Mdl., E-A-ME Thea. Mdl.; Comdr., Order of British Empire, June 1944; Comdr., Bolivian Order of Condor of the Andes, June 1942; Comdr., Peruvian Order of Ayacucho, May 1942; Peruvian Avn. Cross, First Class, Jan. 1943.

RATINGS: Sr. Plt., Bln. Plt., C. Obsr., Bln. Obsr., A. Obsr.

ADDITIONAL DATA: Participated in National Elimination Bln. Races, 1928-29; acted as Sr. Neutral Mil. Obsr. on Peruvian side in boundary dispute with Ecuador..

SOURCES: USAFHD Archives, file number 432.01, 1943, Chap. Seven and Bibliography, pp. 843-849; Army and AF Regis., 1948, II, p. 2180; AF Regis., 1949 to 1952; Who's Who in America, 1946-47, p. 710.

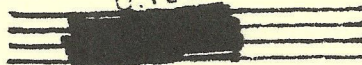
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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR GENERAL ENT:

Subject: Proposed Visit to Kingman on 20 September by Site "Y" Party.

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1. This is intended to supplement a memorandum from Captain Parsons, USN, to the General, dated 12 September 1944, and which is being delivered with this document.

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2. The list of persons at the bottom of page (2) of Captain Parsons' memorandum will be increased by two, inasmuch as the undersigned and Lt. H. I. McClenahan intend to visit Kingman at the same time. Lt. McClenahan is to act as Intelligence Officer at Kingman, and will remain at Kingman instead of returning to Site "Y". In the event that the C-47 transport airplane is not available at Albuquerque by 19 September, the entire party, with the exception of Captain Parsons, will arrive at Salt Lake City by commercial aircraft prior to 0700 MWT on 20 September. If the C-47 is available as described above, it is hoped that the entire party, except Captain Parsons, may use this aircraft for direct transportation to Kingman. In the latter case, it is further intended that the C-47 would be available to transport the entire party, including Captain Parsons, from Kingman to your Headquarters during the early afternoon of 20 September, and back to Albuquerque on the morning of 21 September. If the C-47 is not available, it is hoped that aircraft transportation can be made available from Kingman to transport the entire party from Salt Lake City to Kingman during the early morning of 20 September. The undersigned will telephone Lt. Colonel Trowbridge in this connection upon arriving at Salt Lake City. It is hoped that all necessary business at Kingman can be completed by noon of that date, and that aircraft transportation may be available to convey the entire party to your Headquarters.

3. It is realized that the above plan may prove extremely expensive in the use of aircraft, and may be unacceptable for that or other reasons. The undersigned, however, is attempting to organize the movement of this entire group in order that minimum time is taken away from their technical duties, and to preserve security. If the above plan is not feasible, request that this be discussed with Captain Parsons during the General's conversation with him on 14 September.

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