ARMY AIR FORCES  
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ENGINEERING DIVISION  
MEMORANDUM REPORT ON  
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SUBJECT: Conference Between Menasco Manufacturing Company and Air Material Command on XJ-37 Project

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Date 18 September 1947

A. PURPOSE:

1. To record conclusions reached at conference held at Wright Field on 11 September 1947 between personnel of Menasco Manufacturing Company and Air Material Command as listed below regarding Menasco L-1000 project.

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B. FACTUAL DATA:

1. The discussion between Menasco representatives and Air Material Command personnel brought about the conclusions as given herein.

C. CONCLUSIONS:

1. Following the discussion of Menasco’s corporate position by Mr. Nelson it was concluded that:

   (a) Vigorous action should be taken to investigate an established engine company taking over the L-1000 project and the key personnel at Menasco.

   (b) The possibility of Menasco retaining the project or Lockheed being re-established in this project should be tabled for the present.
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(a) Mr. Price should make a tour of Engine Company facilities to investigate their use on the L-1000 project.

(b) The Power Plant Laboratory should institute a series of conferences with established engine companies having adequate engine manufacturing and development facilities for the purpose of interesting these companies in the L-1000 program.

(c) The corporate negotiations should be handled by the corporations without undue interference by the Army.

(d) Mr. Price should, by all means, be the engineer in charge of the program and Mr. Price expressed his feeling that he would be fully cooperative in this matter and had no prejudice in regard to the company handling the program.

(e) The target date for such a transfer should be 1 January 1943.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is imperative that vigorous action be taken to conclude such negotiations prior to 1 January 1943. It is recommended that this action be instituted.

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