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Extension of Project Camel Contracts on Detonator Components

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Memorandum of conference on September 13, 1945 between K. Greisen and H. Bradner of Project Y; Majors C. L. Karl and D. C. VanDyne, and Captain Burton of Colonel Stewart's office; and Mel Greene of Project Camel.

Mel Greene is to be hired by Project Y; two expeditors (James Lamont and Orrin Nordstrom) recommended by Mel Greene will be on Col. Stewart's payroll. They will answer to Col. Stewart's office on all contractual matters, but will report to Mel Greene on all matters dealing with manufacture of contracted parts.

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Basic requests for items will be presented to Col. Lockridge's office by Greisen or Bradner. Requests for changes in components may be initiated either through Col. Lockridge's office as above, or through Col. Stewart's office by Mel Greene. Col. Stewart's office will honor requests made by Mel Greene. It is the responsibility of Col. Lockridge's office and Col. Stewart's office to maintain their communications so that Project Y is informed of anything which Mel Greene originates at Stewart's office or which Bradner or Greisen originate at Project Y.

Contracts will, of course, be written only by representatives of Col. Stewart's office. However, Mel Greene is to be on hand if any changes in manufacturing procedures are discussed in negotiating contracts. It is the understanding of the writer that contracts will be negotiated wherever feasible, rather than let on the basis of bids.

Contracts for each item will require a 100% inspection at the point of manufacture. In addition to this, there will be a spot inspection by the expeditors. If expeditors accept the items, this will constitute promise of payment to the vendor. It is anticipated that a contract will be let to some particular vendor for a final assembly, voltage test and bridge wire test. This vendor will also box and ship to Project Y.

Karl and VanDyne stated that Col. Stewart's office would furnish necessary office space for Mel Greene and the expeditors. It was estimated that three desks, files, and the services of a stenographer would be required. Two cars would be assigned full time to the expeditors. Karl and VanDyne further offered the part-time services of an engineer-inspector, and the part-time services of a draftsman.

In general Karl and VanDyne preferred that vendors furnish their own material. This is perfectly acceptable to Greisen and Bradner. Also, Karl and VanDyne preferred that Site Y continue the CIT drawing number system. This also was highly satisfactory to Greisen and Bradner.

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