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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

7 December 1953

SUBJECT: Technical Difficulties at Site A and Production of ELOI Clusters

1. A meeting was held this date to acquaint General Loucks with the proposed revision of the current OSD approved production schedule for the ELOI Cluster and the technical difficulties being encountered at Site A which may adversely affect this schedule. The meeting was attended by General Loucks, Colonel Merrill, Lt Colonel Willmann, Lt Colonel Morgan, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Mullen, Mr. DeAngelis and Mr. Traub.

2. The present DD Form 436, Production Schedule, was approved by the Office of the Secretary of Defense on 23 November 1953, over Air Force objection. Air Force reluctance to concur was stated by them to be based on the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff's directive to obtain a maximum CW capability as soon as possible. The Chemical Corps plan represents 50 percent of this capability, and is promulgated in an effort to retain the operations at Site B on an economical rate, both production-wise and personnel-wise.

3. At the request of General Loucks, Colonel Willmann, detailed the status of Site A as follows:

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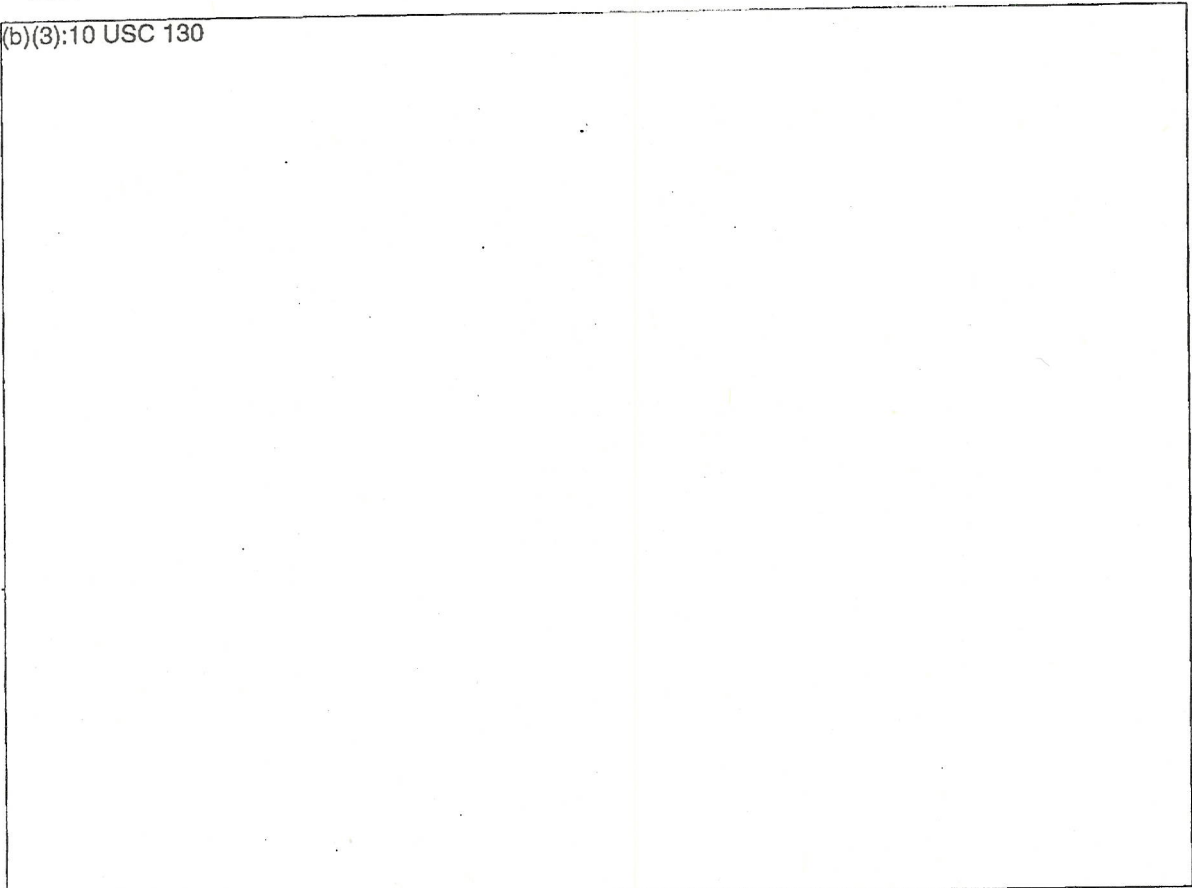
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4. Colonel Willmann brought out that samples of material obtained during the earlier operation of the plant had not provided sufficient data for solving all the problems now foreseeable.

5. It was Colonel Willmann's belief that by March or April, substantial courses of action will be resolved for meeting the problem and that the changes to the plant will be substantially completed by July or August 1954, so that reasonably sustained operation can be realized. It is planned not to increase the operating personnel (TVA) at the site but to continue using them in the test operating phases of the program.



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