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31 July 1961

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Driver Candidate - [redacted]

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1. I was called by [redacted] on 25 July 1961 and informed that a request had been received to temporarily release subject from the imposed freeze status to allow him to participate in the flight test course at Edwards Air Force Base during the period 26 August 1961 through April 1962.

2. Subject is identified as a nominee of General Flickinger's. He ranks as number 17 in a list of 22 on the basis of operational order of preference. Subject is not current in the Century Series.

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3. [redacted] indicated that he was taking action to release subject from the freeze. I asked [redacted] whether Colonel Geary had concurred in the release. [redacted] did not know. I advised him that the matter would be referred to appropriate individuals on our side. The matter was referred to [redacted]

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4. On 26 July this matter was discussed with Colonel Geary by [redacted] and myself. It was Colonel Geary's position that it was his responsibility to have available, at times needed by us, potentially qualified driver candidates. He felt subject should be temporarily released due to his relatively low ranking, his lack of currency in the Century Series, the possible benefit to us of the proposed assignment, and the importance of the assignment to subject's career. Colonel Geary has guaranteed that an equally qualified candidate would be made available to us when and if such a need ever came into existence.

[redacted]  
PERSONNEL OFFICER  
DFD-DZ/P

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ORC 3452  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Group B ORCART Pilots

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Record, subject: Group B ORCART Pilots, dated 12 April 1962 (ORC 3334)

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1. The cited reference is a memorandum indicating that on 12 April 1962 [redacted] had agreed to re-evaluate all nominees, screen records for new nominees, and update flying records for all nominees.

2. The undersigned talked with [redacted] this date in connection with the selection of Group B pilots and developed the following points:

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a. [redacted] had not seen cited memorandum.

b. AFMIG-5 will request updating of flying records on sixteen (16) nominees.

c. AFMIG-5 will consider other pilot nominees.

d. Present programming requires finalization of Group B pilot selection as soon as possible.

3. Upon receipt of the names of Group B nominees, Project Headquarters will evaluate their qualifications against established operational criteria for selection. Final selection of Group B pilots should be accomplished by 15 May 1962.

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*See Col. Liddford's comments second page!*

OXC 6356-64

24 January 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Group "D" OXCART Pilot Processing

1. On 17 January 1964 the following individuals met in General Don Flickinger's office for the purpose of discussing the forthcoming selection of additional OXCART pilots:

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- General Don Flickinger, Consultant
- [redacted] TSD Psychologist
- [redacted] Medical Staff Psychologist
- [redacted] Medical Staff Psychologist
- Lt. Col. Newburn, AFIGO-S Representative
- Major Blood, Hq. USAF Representative
- [redacted] OSA Security Staff
- [redacted] OSA Support Division

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2. I indicated to the Group that OSA Operations had selected 14 AF officers for consideration. I further indicated that [redacted] had advised me that processing action should be started in sufficient time to have these candidates processed, i.e., physical, psychological and security, up to the point of recruitment by early March. At that time, according to [redacted]

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[redacted] a decision would be made as to whether additional pilots were needed and, if so, how many. If this decision is to recruit more pilots this would be done as soon as possible in order to provide the candidates' entry into F-101 school approximately 1 April.

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[redacted] advised us that he expected full BI's from the Air Force OSI by 1 February.

3. General Flickinger suggested that some time might be saved if he could pre-screen these candidates in the field at one or two locations, e.g., Edwards AFB and Nellis AFB with a view toward eliminating those who

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obviously could not qualify for the program. He suggested that if he had an opportunity to review the security reports before he departed Headquarters and ~~the~~ the medical records which the candidates will be required to have with them at the time of interview, he could reduce the number considerably below 14. Following this proposed interview by General Flickinger the remaining candidates would then be scheduled into the School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio. Arrangements would be made to have the results of the SAM examination hand-carried to Washington as soon as the examinations are completed. At this point the candidates would proceed to Washington, D.C. where they would undergo psychological assessment by [redacted] and [redacted]. Upon the completion of this psychological assessment the successful candidates would be sufficiently processed to approach for recruitment. (It might be pointed out here that [redacted] fits into this processing scheme as the successor to [redacted] who is departing imminently for an overseas assignment.)

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4. During the course of our meeting Lt. Colonel Newburn placed a call to some unknown individual in the Pentagon in an effort to determine the exact starting date for the F-101 school which these candidates would attend. Lt. Colonel Newburn was advised that the classes at the F-101 school begin on 9 March, 11 May and 6 July. This means that the 1 April date is no longer valid. Since it would be virtually impossible to meet the 9 March date, we now are using the 11 May class date as a target.

*Take no action to actually bring additional pilots aboard without my approval. JCL*

[redacted]

Acting Chief  
Support Division, OSA

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27 January 1964

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: OXCART Pilot Processing**

1. On 20 January 1964 General Flickinger screened the Air Force records of the 14 prospective pilot candidates who will eventually comprise the Group D OXCART pilots. Records screened by General Flickinger were solely the official Air Force personnel folder for each officer.

2. From this preliminary screening General Flickinger selected eight officers whom he identified as excellent prospects. Of the remaining six he indicated that he felt two or three were almost totally unacceptable and the remaining three or four were what he described as marginal.

3. General Flickinger intends to contact the eight individuals who were his first choice either at Edwards AFB or Nellis AFB prior to the time they are scheduled into the School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB. With the aid of the results of the background investigation which he will review before he sees the individuals, and their complete medical records, which they will have with them at the time of his interview, he feels he can make a firm evaluation of the candidates' desire for our program and the likelihood of their qualifying for the program. Five of these eight individuals are believed to be presently stationed at or near Edwards AFB. One of the remaining three is presently assigned to Yokota Air Base, Japan, and two are in the vicinity of Nellis AFB. These latter three he would interview at Nellis.

4. When I expressed some concern to General Flickinger that in view of the fact we might be looking for four or five new pilots, and the starting figure of

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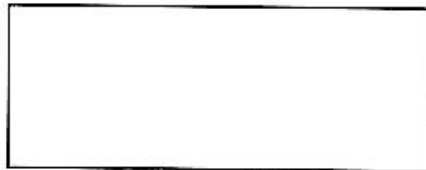
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eight left little room for washouts, he reassured me that there was really no worry on this score. In fact, he said, "I can guarantee you that we will get four or five of these eight". 25X1A

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5. Based on a fairly firm assurance from [redacted] that the background security information would be available on or about 1 February, General Flickinger now is tentatively planning to conduct these field interviews between the first and middle of February. 25X1A



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*Flick's Picks*

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
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8. [redacted]

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7 June 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DFD  
SUBJECT : OMCART Pilot Clearances  
REFERENCE : OC-1641 Dated 28 April 1961

1. This is to advise that the Office of Security has granted OMCART clearances to twelve of the officers identified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of reference. Specifically, they are

[Redacted]

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2. I will advise you when clearances are received for the additional eleven candidates now in process.

[Redacted]

CHIEF, SECURITY BRANCH  
DFD-3B/P

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

1. On 12 October 1962, the undersigned, in the company of Messrs Cunningham, [redacted] and General Flickinger participated in the recruitment of Subject for Project OXCART.

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2. The first day followed pattern previously established and went pretty much according to script. Individual was initially interested in performance characteristics and, although his detailed questions were parried, he did obtain an admission that speed, on the conservative side, might be said to exceed MACH-2.

3. During the interview, one could see that General Flickinger was not impressed with Subject. This stems from concern over very inquisitive, intelligent, and domineering wife. Secondly, physiological findings, although disqualifying, which pertained to spatial bifida were a cause for concern as earlier raised by Colonel Ledford and General Flickinger.

4. On 16 October 1962, [redacted] and undersigned met Subject at the Shoreham Hotel for an answer. He indicated a great deal of concern about hiding the truth from his wife and, although it was first thought he was using this as an excuse, as the interview progressed, it was quite clear that this would be a source of emotional stress. This, together with the other considerations, placed [redacted] and the undersigned in the position of dissuading the individual from volunteering. At the conclusion, he was actually upset, but believed that his declination was made by himself and was in the interests of all parties concerned.

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5. Subject was given a security admonishment by [redacted] of not getting trapped into divulging what had transpired. Subject should forget that this recruitment effort had taken place. Termination security oath was executed by Subject. Subject could foresee no questions which he would not be able to handle. He will indicate that he had withdrawn from the voluntary program because it was not leading anyplace. Subject further indicated that there would be no need to explain why he had brought his flight gear on this trip.

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16 MAR 1961



**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Acting Chief, DPD

**SUBJECT:** Ranking of OXCART Pilot Nominees

**REFERENCE:** Memorandum for the Record, dated 16 January 1961; subject: OXCART Pilot Recruitment Criteria (OXC 1326)

1. Attached hereto is the preliminary operational ranking of the seventeen Air Force pilots which have been submitted by Colonel Geary to date, against the OXCART pilot requirement.

2. The operational criteria outlined in the referenced memorandum was used as the basis for ranking of pilots. However, air refueling experience was excluded as a mandatory qualification since pilots selected are programmed to receive two weeks of air refueling training in RF-101 aircraft while at Shaw Air Force Base. In addition, pilots not presently current in Century series aircraft have been ranked below those who are Century current. Subsequent pilot nominees will be evaluated using the same criteria and ranked against the aforementioned seventeen pilots.

3. The revised pilot's training schedule requires that the first group of eight pilots be identified and available to begin security assessment by 1 June 1961. Final recommendations for selection of these pilots will be forwarded 12 May 1961 for your approval.

*[Handwritten initials]*

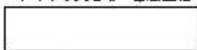
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Attachment - 1  
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cc: Asst Ch/DPD  
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DPD/PEAS  
DPD/Security  
General Flickenger  
Colonel Geary



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OXO-2904

8 January 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Release from Agency Assignment - [redacted]

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1. On this date [redacted] called DFD/Personnel and said that the freeze placed on the driver candidates had expired on 2 January 1962. He further stated that he was preparing a message to the major commands concerned reinstating the freeze and wanted to exclude any officers who had been disqualified.

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2. After discussion with [redacted] was told to take [redacted] off of the freeze list. All the aforementioned officers were recommended for disqualification on medical grounds.

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Deputy Chief, Personnel Branch  
DFD-DD/F

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3 July 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Removal of [redacted]  
from OSCAMP Pilot Candidate Roster

- REFERENCE: A. Memorandum for AFM30-5, subject: Selection of  
OSCAMF Pilots, dated 20 April 1961 (OSC-1681).
- B. Memorandum for Acting Chief, subject: Pilot  
Nominees for Project OSCAMP, dated 21 June 1961  
(OSC-1688).

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1. [redacted] phoned the undersigned this  
date to confirm the removal of [redacted] from consideration  
for Project OSCAMP. For reference A., [redacted] had been  
selected as one of the Group A OSCAMP pilots.

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2. For reference B., the following officer will fill the  
vacancy occasioned by [redacted] removal: [redacted]

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MEMORANDUM FOR: AFMID-5  
Headquarters USAF

SUBJECT: Request for OIGART Pilot Nominees

1. It is requested that this office be provided with additional pilot nominees to be considered for selection as OIGART pilots. At present only seven (7) pilots have been recruited against the operational requirement of ten (10) pilots to undergo A-1F flight training. The three remaining pilot billets must be filled at the earliest possible date in order to meet established training schedules.

2. Past experience has indicated that six to seven pilot nominees must be considered for each pilot ultimately recruited. Approximately twenty (20) nominees should therefore be considered against the remaining three billets. Nominees should possess the prerequisite qualifications as established in Memorandum OIC 1226, dated 16 January 1961.

3. It is requested that each nominee's Officer Selection Folder and current flying hour breakdown be furnished to this office not later than 15 November 1962.

4. For planning purposes, it is further requested that three (3) quotes be reserved for F-101 school at Shaw Air Force Base, North Carolina, for the class commencing in April 1963.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RESEARCH)

BY:

JACK C. LAWTON  
Colonel USAF

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MEMORANDUM FOR: AFCS-5  
Headquarters USAF

ATTENTION: Colonel Lee P. Gandy

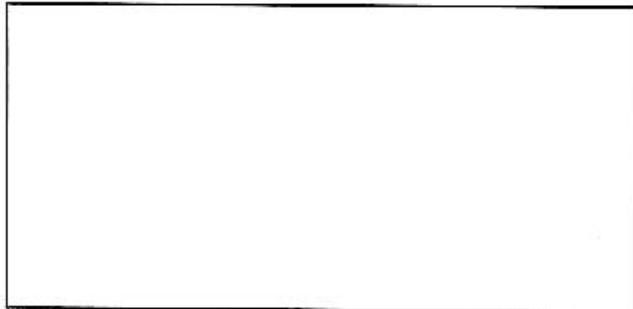
SUBJECT: Selection of OXCART Pilots

REFERENCE: Attachment I to Memorandum for the Record; subject: OXCART Pilot Training; dated 14 March 1961 (OXC 1443)

1. The following eight officers are selected to make up Group A of OXCART pilots as defined in reference and should be placed in a "freeze" status:

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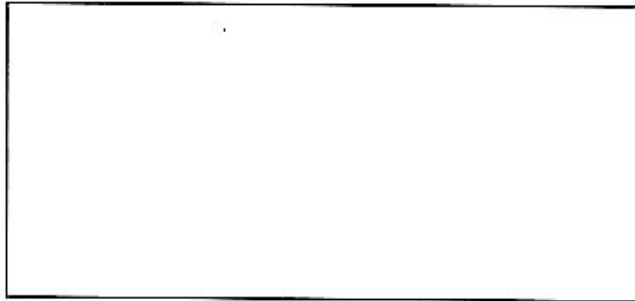
2. The following eight officers are retained as candidates and will be evaluated against subsequent pilot nominees before final identification of the second pilot group (Group B) is finalized. These officers should be placed on "freeze" status subsequent to August 1961 at which time the selection of Group B pilots will be made.

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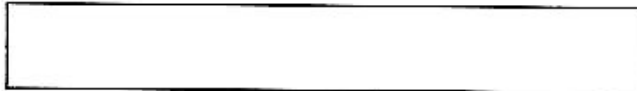
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3. The following two pilots do not possess the necessary operational qualifications for selection and should be removed from OXCART consideration:

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FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

(Signed) Stanley W. Beerli

BT:

STANLEY W. BEERLI  
Colonel USAF

cc: General Filchonger

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MEMORANDUM FOR: AFCEG-5  
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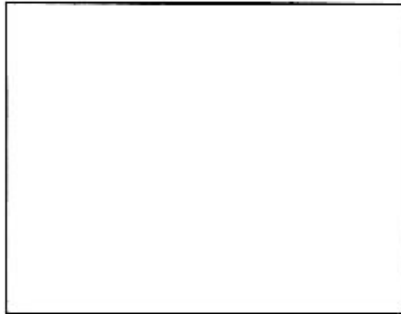
ATTENTION: Colonel L. P. Geary

SUBJECT: Selection of OXCART Pilots (Group B)

REFERENCE: Memorandum to AC/DPD from  
DPD/AC/HPB; subject: Pilot Nominees  
for Project OXCART; dated 21 June 1961  
(OXC 1688)

L. For referenced memorandum, the following eight officers are selected to make up the second group (Group B) of OXCART pilots. These officers should be maintained in a "freeze status" until pilot assessment has been completed and project recruitment accomplished.

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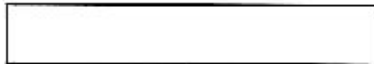
2. The following four officers should be retained in a "freeze status" as backup nominees for Group B pilots:

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3. It is understood that the following officer, though removed from "freeze status" for the purpose of attending Flight Test School, will be made available as a "backup" nominee if required:

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FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

BY: (Signed) Stanley W. Beerli  
**STANLEY W. BEERLI**  
Colonel USAF

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