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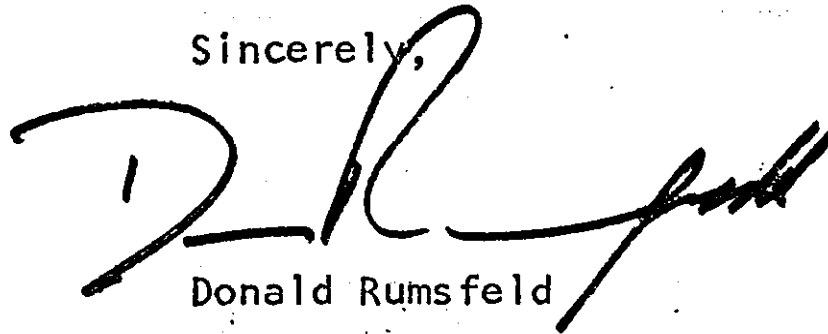
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Honorable Strom Thurmond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Strom,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the  
Army's XM-1 Tank Program. I want you to know  
that I am sensitive-to the issues you have  
raised, and that I appreciate both your interest  
in and your support of this vital program,

Sincerely,



Donald Rumsfeld

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

October 12, 1976

Honorable William P. Clements, Jr.  
Deputy Secretary of Defense  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D. C. 20301

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As one who is concerned relative to the redirection of the tank program, I would deeply appreciate some clarification of any plans to deviate from the regular processes in this important program.

I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation for the manner in which you handled the problems in connection with the Defense Department interpretation of Congressional language on civil defense.

With kindest personal regards,

Very truly,



Strom Thurmond

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

SEP 24 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: XI-1 Source Selection Process

I would like the DSARC Principals to participate in the Army **evaluation** process to the extent that **we** be made aware of and understand the key elements of evaluation before the formal, source selection is made.

You should bring **forward to me** the evaluation of various alternatives as reviewed by the Source Selection Advisory **Council** **without the** final recommendation in order for **us to** understand the evaluation.

*H. P. Clement*

Copies to:

Mr. Aldridge  
Mr. Shrontz  
Mr. Wacker  
Mr. Wiley



TAB C



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
WASHINGTON

8 OCT 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS

SUBJECT: XM1 Tank Program

*Bill*

In order to award a Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) contract for the XM1 Tank Program by 17 November 1976, it is essential to agree now on the process for source selection decision and review.

Initial proposals from the contractors in response to the RFP amendments, were received on 1 October with the best and final offers expected on 28 October. The Source Selection Evaluation Board (SSEB) has reconvened and will remain in session until a complete analysis and evaluation of the proposals has been made.

The magnitude of the task facing the SSEB and the SSAC is considerable and they should be given as much time as possible to insure that their analysis and evaluation is complete and comprehensive. I recognize your desire, however, to have the DSARC principals become involved as early as practicable and in consonance with your memorandum of 24 September, I have directed the SSAC to present its analyses and evaluation to a DSARC meeting on 10 November. I will plan to participate in those meetings so that we can be assured that we are on track as we move to a decision on a contractor.

The attached schedule is proposed for the FSED contract award decision process.

Inclosure  
As stated

  
Martin R. Hoffmann

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PHASE I

26-27 October 1976 - Three designated representatives of CAIG plus one Army representative cleared for access to source selection data, visit SSEB/SSAC for review of cost data resulting from resolicitation proposals.

28 October 1976 - Receipt of "Best and Final Offers" from contractors.

29 October-5 November 1976 - SSEB/SSAC preparation for ASARC review.

PHASE II

8 November 1976 - ASARC principals review of SSEB/SSAC analysis.  
Attendees:

USA	CG TRADOC
VCSA	DCSRDA
ASA(R&D)	DCSOPS
ASA(I&L)	General Counsel
ASA(FM)	PM XM1
CG DARCOM	SSAC Members, as required

Closed to All Others

9 November 1976 - SA Review of SSEB/SSAC Analysis. Attendees:

SA	CC DARCOM
CSA	CC TRADOC
USA	DCSRDA
VCSA	DCSOPS
ASA(R&D)	General Counsel
ASA(I&L)	PM XM1
ASA(FM)	SSAC Members, as required

Closed to All Others



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**10 November 1976 - DSARC principals review of SSEB/SSAC Analysis.**

**Attendees:**

DEPSECDEF	CSA or VCSA
SA	ASA(R&D)
DDR&E	ASA(I&L)
ASD(I&L)	Dep DDR&E(T&E)
ASD(C)	PM XM1
ASD(PA&E)	SSAC Members, as required,
USA.	General Counsel, OSD

**11-14 November 1976 - This phase is devoted to responding to OSD questions and resolving issues.**

**PHASE III**

**15 November 1976 -**

- DSARC principals reconvene, if necessary (AM)

- SA decision (PM). Attendees:

SA	CG DARCOM
CSA	CG TRADOC
USA	DCSRDA
VCSA	DCSOPS
ASA(R&D)	General Counsel
ASA(I&L)	PM XM1
ASA(FM)	SSAC Members, as required

**Closed to All Others**

**16 November 1976 - SECDEF review of SA Decision (AM); Attendees:**

SECDEF	ASD(I&L)
DEPSECDEF	USA
SA	ASA(R&D)
CSA or VCSA	PM XM1
DDR&E	SSAC Members, as required

- Contract Award (PM)



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DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301



19 OCT 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Reply to Senator Thurmond Letter of 12 October 1976  
Concerning XM-1 Tank Program - ACTION MEMORANDUM

Senator Thurmond's letter (TAB A) requests information concerning plans for coordination of the Army's Source Selection and the DSARC responsibilities in connection with the forthcoming contract award for XM-1.

The proposed reply (TAB B) provides information relating to the special DSARC review procedure requested by <sup>Dep Sec</sup> your memorandum to the Army of 24 September 1976 (TAB C) and Secretary Hoffman's response of 8 October 1976 (TAB D). In view of Deputy Secretary Clements' absence, this reply has been prepared for your signature, so that a prompt response to Senator Thurmond may be made.

It is not clear why Senator Thurmond requested this information, but the proposed reply is considered appropriate. Recommend signature of TAB B.

*Malcolm R. Currie*  
Malcolm R. Currie

Enclosures

Coordination:

ASA (R&D) K.C. Emerson (for ASA(R&D)) 10/20/76 (attached)

ASD (PA) *Alan Wash* 10/20/76

ASD (LA) *WK Bruhm* 10/20/76

CAIG Milton A. Margolis 10/19/76 (attached)

DD(T&E), ODDR&E LtGen W.E. Lotz 10/19/76 (attached)

Prepared by C.F. HORTON, X77645



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