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Remarks concerning Report on SCAMP

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COMMENT NO 1

Evaluating the results of SCAMP is too complex an undertaking to be done in a few weeks. The program was devoted to research in pure mathematics, and the benefits of such work necessarily develop slowly.

Although the topics discussed were unfortunately remote from the interests of Operations, I do not wish to leave the impression that the sponsorship of research is valueless to AFSA. We must not expect the immediate answers to practical problems which can be obtained from research contracts and limited conferences with specialists. The opportunity for our close association with people of outstanding ability, for example, is a true contribution to our education, and a valuable one. We cannot attract such talent by offering them problems which are too restricted or too far from their interests.

The direction of a program and the selection of personnel for a project of this nature is very difficult, but I believe topics for study could be chosen which are closer to our interests without putting too severe limits on the scope of the investigation. Much of the disappointment felt by members of O2 was due to the fact that we expected a practical discussion of immediate problems to produce tangible results.

In the future, I would recommend some compromise in this direction. My most serious criticism is the lack of clearance of all members.

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FROM Tech. Director, OPNS

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COMMENT NO. 2

These remarks are forwarded as additional information on the subject of SCAMP.



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