HEADQUARTERS
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20331

REPLY TO ATTN OF: SCMOA

17 APR 1964

SUBJECT: XB-70 Flight Test Program Chase Requirements

TO: AFFTC (FTTB)
Edwards AFB, Calif.

1. Reference your FTTB letter, 27 March 1964, subject as above.

2. This headquarters concurs with the findings of your study concerning a mix of chase aircraft to support the proposed XB-70 flight profiles. Equitable scheduling of currently assigned F-104, TB-58 and F-4C aircraft should satisfy a major portion of the requirement. Approval for use of the system test F-4Cs is granted on a noninterference basis with category testing.

3. Current and future requirements levied upon the F-4C precludes retention of the four test aircraft at your facility upon completion of category testing. For planning purposes the currently contemplated disposition of these aircraft will be as follows:

a. 63-7445 to TAC - 31 August 1964

b. 63-7407 to AFSWC - 31 December 1964

c. 63-7410 to AFSWC - 31 March 1965

d. 63-7409 retained at AFFTC for pace/chase

4. To expedite certain aspects of the program you propose, you are authorized to:

a. Establish direct contact with the F-4C ASD-SPO for waiver of flight restriction on the F-4C/centerline fuel tank combination.

b. Establish direct contact with ASD (ASTPF) relative to scheduling of the KC-135 tanker for IFR test support operations.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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cc: ASD (ASTP) (ASZMT)

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: FTOOA/Oliver/31381

28 APR 1964

SUBJECT: XB-70 Flight Test Program Chase Requirements

TO: FTT FTM FTOP
FTTB FTMM FTTOF
FTTF FTMS

1. The attached Hq AFSC letter, dated 17 Apr 1964, subject as above is forwarded for planning purposes and action.

2. It is to be noted that the specified release dates for the three Cat II Systems Evaluation F4C's are dependent upon the progress of the present test program and direction of the ASD F4C SPO and may change. The JF4C 63-7409 at the present time is scheduled for May 1965 completion.

3. At the appropriate time period request:

a. FTT (FTTF) be the action agency regarding the flight restriction waiver for the F4C.

b. FTTB advise FTOO when to arrange for ASD KC135 Tanker support.

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17 Apr 64