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Attention:

Lt. John Woods

Subject:

Fourth Quarterly Report Covering Period

1 June through 31 August 1970

Identification:

AFTAC Project No.: VELA/T/0702/B/ASD

Project Title: Seismic Discrimination

ARPA Order No.: 624

ARPA Program Code: 9F10

Name of Contractor: Texas Instruments Incorporated

Contract Number: F33657-70-C-0311

Effect8ve Date of Contract: 25 August 1969

Amount of Contract: \$222,250

Contract Expiration Date: 14 September 1970

Project Manager: Stanley J. Laster

Gentlemen:

### MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Most of the work during the fourth quarter was directed toward long period discrimination studies and to combined use of long and short period discriminants.

1) Long and short period recordings from LASA were available for 38 shallow Asian earthquakes and 26 presumed explosions. These were used for combined long period - short period classification using the Seismic Event Classification Software Package. Of these events, two earthquakes and two explosions were misclassified using mb vs. Ms criteria. No improvement in classifying this set of events was obtained by using additional short or long period discriminants. Work is now underway to classify events not in these two ensembles.

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- 2) Long-period discriminants were computed for an additional 23 events (earthquakes with miscellaneous source region) recorded at LASA. Short-period recordings were not available for some of these events. The resulting discriminants were plotted on the same two dimensional plots as the 38-26 ensemble discussed above. Except for two deep events, all the points fell in with the 38 earthquakes.
- 3) A group of nine events recorded at ALPA were obtained from the Seismic Array Analysis Center. These consist of Nevada Test Site explosions and some small Western U. S. earthquakes. Signal-to-noise ratio on five events is so low that signals are not visually apparent. Long-period discriminants were completed for these events and were plotted as above. The Handley event, which had the best signal-to-noise ratio, fell slightly on the earthquake side of the line best separating the 38 earthquakes and 26 explosions (mb vs. Ms). The earthquakes, for which the discriminants were noise-limited, fell on both sides of this line.
- 4) Recently long-period data has been obtained for three events recorded teleseismically at both LASA and ALPA. One of these is presumed to be an explosion, and plots of the raw ALPA data for this event show no visible signal. All the events will be plotted, and discriminants computed, so that values at the two arrays can be compared.
- 5) A magnetic tape containing eight events recorded at two sites was obtained from the contract monitor. These events have been read off the tape and plotted. These were run through the Seismic Event Calssification Software Package, and a report has been prepared.
- 6) A list of 30 events to be run through SECSP at SAAC was compiled in March by the contract monitor. Many of these events had not been processed by the SAAC short-period event processor. As the event processor output is the required input to SECSP, the classification processing was delayed until the events could be run through the event processor. It now appears that twelve of the events are ready for input to SECSP, and further that the remaining eighteen events will not be available as they were either not recorded or were on tapes that were re-cycled.
- 7) The literature search comparing teleseismic signatures of chemical and nuclear explosions has been completed. A report has been prepared and will be submitted. No significant quantitative information was found, although it was found that one (possibly two) teleseismic chemical explosions from Asia have been recorded by U.S. array stations in recent years.

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- 8) Studies on the detection of higher modes by the Markov spectral estimate technique are nearing completion, and a report is being prepared. The technique has been shown to give very good results when applied to synthetic data for which the answer is known. Probable higher modes have been for some regional events recorded at LASA. However, no significant amount of higher mode energy has been found for a group of about 35 teleseismic events recorded at LASA.
- 9) Results of work performed through 15 July 1970 were reported at the ARPA sponsored Seismic Discrimination Symposium, July 20-23, 1970 at Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

### ACTION BY AFTAC

None

# FINANCIAL STATUS

Financial status for this contract will be reported in the AMSR to be submitted later in September.

Very truly yours,

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Stanley J. Laster

Program Manager

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C-5	Prepare special report discussing effects of noise on various discrimination statistics	1 Aug 70	15 Sept 70			
C -6	Specify statistics to use in evaluating combined discrimination capability of LASA and ALPA	1 Jun 70	1 Aug 70	1 Aug 70		
C - 7	Complete processing of pre- viously recorded LASA and ALPA events	1 Sep 70	15 Sept 70			
C-8	Prepare special report sum- marizing combined LASA-ALPA discrimination capabilities	15 Sep 70	15 Sep 70			
C-9	Prepare final report summar- izing all research performed under contract	15 Sep 70	15 Sep 70			
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