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Fr: Col. W.F. McKee
Dep. AC/AS, OC&R, Wash.
To: Maj. Gen. B.F. Giles
C/AS, Wash.
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Deputy AC/AS, OC&R (Wash.) recommended that the A-26 airplanes should not be sent at that time to Gen. Kenney, CG, FEAF, because the changes and modifications proposed for the airplanes could not be completed before 1 Jan. 1945. Gen. Kenney was very much opposed to the A-26 airplane and would probably give an unfavorable report on the A-26 without the proposed changes.

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL GILES:

Subject: A-26's for General Kenney.
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1. While in New Guinea you asked me to make a note to send General Kenney six of our newest A-26's. As you remember we now have in the UK a squadron of eighteen A-26's for the purpose of determining their combat value. After discussing General Kenney's request with the agencies concerned in this Headquarters I recommend that we do not send the six A-26's to General Kenney at this time because:

a. The changes and modifications which are now proposed for the A-26 will not be completed until about 1 January.

b. General Kenney is now very much opposed to the A-26. In this frame of mind he will probably give an unfavorable report on the present A-26 which does not have all the changes which we propose to put on it.

c. The combat tests now being carried on in the UK with the eighteen A-26's should give us an excellent estimate of their value and assist us in making a sound decision as to the future of the A-26. If this test shows the A-26 to be the airplane we think it is, we will have a strong talking point in any discussions with General Kenney.

2. Recommend that you approve the attached radio.

WILLIAM F. McKEE
Colonel, A.C.,
Deputy Asst. Chief of Air Staff,
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