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A conference was held at WF with Douglas personnel to discuss changes to be made in the post-war A-26, to be designated the A-26Z. The purpose of the discussion was to formulate tentative specifications for the post-war airplane, which was to retain the same external configuration.

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MEMO TO: Major D. G. Waterbury
TSBPR3B8

SUBJECT: Informal Agreement between A-26 Unit and Douglas Long
Beach Plant

1. Pursuant to information stated on memorandum from Colonel Mitchell relating to the A-26 post war program, action has been taken by this office with Douglas along the following lines:

- a. Upon verbal request, Mr. F. W. Herman, Chief Engineer, Douglas Long Beach, came to Wright Field to discuss various changes to be incorporated in post war A-26Z airplane.
- b. Mr. Herman, together with personnel from this office, has contacted all the major Engineering Division laboratories in regard to the recommended changes to be incorporated in such an airplane.
- c. Douglas has been verbally informed of the contemplated A-26 program. This office has been informed that a prototype airplane was contemplated for completion in July 1946 with production airplanes to start possibly in November 1946.
- d. Douglas was informed that all such negotiations at this time were purely informal and that no definite commitments could be made, but that the purpose of these discussions was to formulate a tentative specification for a post war airplane with a purpose of making it the best airplane possible, while retaining the present external configuration.
- e. Douglas was verbally informed that any costs incurred in engineering development of an A-26Z airplane could probably be incorporated in the contract for the post war procurement program if such a program materialized, but, in the event that no such program did materialize, no commitment could be made to reimburse the Contractor for any costs incurred in design studies.

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