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I received a FAX this morning from DOE/AL, WPD, to announce the fact that the B61-11 program (alias B53 replacement and/or B61-7 modification) has received congressional approval and to call an all-agency program kick off meeting in late August. You may recall from the preliminary cost study that the design definition for the penetrator case and associated hardware was pretty soft and structurally adequate for only soft targets. Now that the program appears to be secure perhaps they'll get serious about the design.

I have a call in for Bill Patterson, SNLA design group leader for penetrator programs, to request early design definition drawings and to set up a meeting to tie in with the DOE meeting late this month to review the design and likely options. As soon as they are available I will issue drawings to appropriate operating areas for their review, and, when we're ready, initiate design reviews with the design agencies.

DOE continues to plan on a 5/97 (with 90-day lead) FPU.

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