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My second point is this: The Army has ^{an} urgent need for the intermediate range ballistic missile under its own operational control. The Army has suffered the greatest casualties in all ^{our} wars. This ~~fact~~ has held true in World War II and in Korea. It can expect to suffer the greatest casualties in the next one. It should be obvious to all that the Army must be alert and aggressive to apply modern technology to warfare and thus reduce these casualties. One of the best ways to accomplish this objective is to destroy enemy forces with atomic ballistic missiles at long ranges before these enemy forces can close with our own troops. The casualty lists can ^{3/50} be reduced by the employment

of this weapon by the Army in support of deep airborne and mechanized penetrations, by supporting the deep fluid fronts ^{expected in the next war} with long range ballistic missiles, and by bringing under prompt counter battery fire enemy missile launching sites which are firing at our own forces.

My third point is that the Army of the four services is best situated to employ this missile. The employment of this missile requires accurate maps of land areas. The provision of such mapping data and such maps is the responsibility of the Corps of Engineers of the Department of the Army. These weapons require precise, reliable community ^{action} techniques. These are available to the Army artillery and the Signal Corps. Both technically and tactically, this weapon is very similar to ~~the employment of an artillery~~ ^{and very dissimilar to aircraft.} Further, ^{it is generally known that} the Army is the only service which has ~~not~~ fielded surface-to-surface ballistic missiles. The Army has developed, manufactured, ~~trained units to fire~~ ^{fielded} and ~~deployed~~ ^{ballistic} the Corporal missile system. The Army has developed the Redstone missile system and is in process of training the first units for its use. The experience gained is invaluable in placing the IRBM in the field at ~~in~~ the earliest practicable date.

These three points contain ^{some of the} ~~the~~ basic motives for the actions which led to the charges and specifications preferred ~~again~~ against me by ~~Third Army~~ ^{higher} authority.

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