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IMPACT ON EMPLOYEES

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TITLE: Case Study of the Effects of the Dyna-Soar Contract
Cancellation

DESCRIPTION: This is the first of three studies on the reemployment experience of workers laid off at defense plants. The other two studies deal with layoffs at the Martin Company, Denver plant, and the Republic Aviation Corp., Long Island plant (see ACDA/E-67 and ACDA/E-69).

The study was designed to cover the reemployment experience of 5,229 workers of the Boeing Company, Seattle, who were laid off between December 1963 and March 1964 due to the cancellation by the Department of Defense of the contract for manned space vehicle Dyna-Soar. Information on these experiences was obtained by a questionnaire mailed by the Washington State Employment Security Department under contract with the Department of Defense. The questionnaire was first mailed in May 1964 and produced a 72% response. The questionnaire was mailed again in August 1964 to the respondents to cover experience in the May-August 1964 period and produced a 77% response. The questionnaires sought information on the personal and work characteristics of the workers, on their labor force status at the time of mailing the questionnaires, on their post-layoff experience in regard to employment and unemployment (including types of occupations, job locations, and new earnings), on obstacles encountered in seeking new employment, and on sources of assistance utilized in obtaining new employment or in maintaining income. The data have been tabulated to reflect the more important relationships bearing upon occupational mobility.

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