C-5A Subs: The Waters Get Muddier
By JIM STROMTMAN
BURBANK, Cali. — Lockheed Aircraft Corp.'s decision last week to accept the Pentagon's C-5A offer while rejecting the $200 million fixed-loss proposal for the C-5A has muddied the waters swirling around its major sub.

There was a flurry of activity in the strategy rooms of the subcontractors, but their deliberations were shrouded in silence to the outside world.

While Lockheed said it will go to the courts to seek a solution to its financial dispute with the government on the C-5A, some sub companies are wondering what Deputy Defense Secretary Donald Packard had in mind last month when he said he was seeking a solution which would not stress Lockheed's sub contractors, particularly on the C-5A.

A Lockheed spokesman said its C-5A electronics subcontractor was not being hit too hard.

Valentine Exciting
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SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Donald Valentine, the market director who put National Semiconductor on the map with aggressive strategies and no-holds-barred pricing, is leaving the company effective Friday.

Joining the firm for nine months after Charles Sporck became president in 1956 and brought in a new management team from Fairchild, Mr. Valentine was seen to have made major contributions.

By NEIL KELLEY
ANAHEIM — increasing complexity in MOS designs may soon render the parts salesmen obsolete unless he gets a good handle on working with customers at the systems level.

This is the case at National Semiconductor's Microelectronics Co. (NARMC), seen the business evolving as the supplier/user interface becomes closer knit.

"To start with, if you have a set of standard MOS circuits," said MOS, Page 32