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Project Whirlwind
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SUBJECT: COST TRENDS, CONTRACT N5ori-60

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Attached Drawing No. B-38582 shows the actual past and estimated future costs of Project Whirlwind. Future expenditures correspond to the estimates already submitted. Figures include subcontracts.

Point A shows the time at which we received the first ONR request from Admiral Solberg to limit future commitments, where possible, pending contract negotiations. A smooth curve has been drawn through the rather scattered points.

The dotted curve shows approximately the monthly expenditure rate which would have prevailed had we continued to operate under the same Special Devices Center pressure for speed and for continued expansion of staff and subcontracting which they have exerted during the past two years.

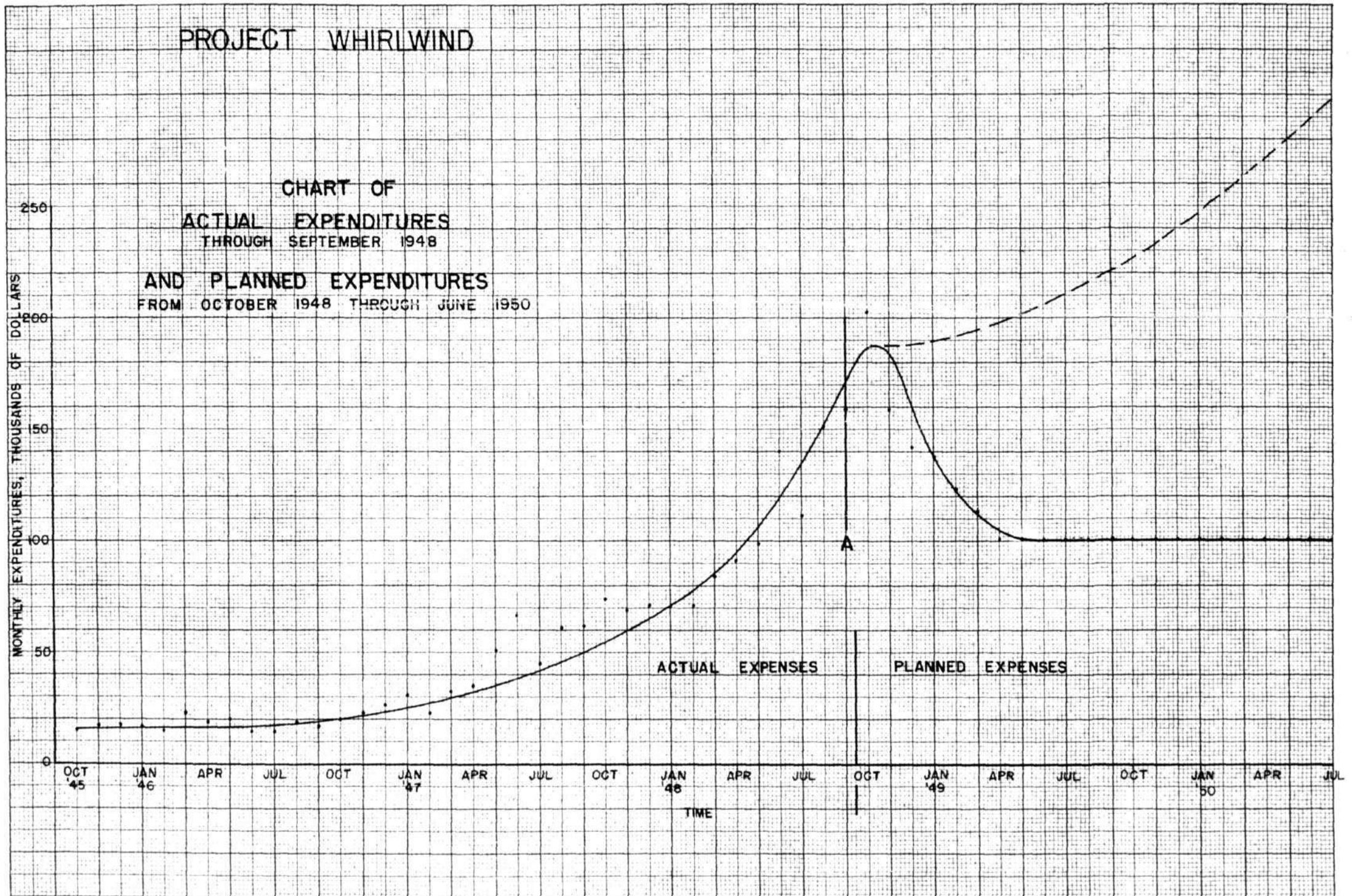

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