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Background

Processing and Review of GEMINI-5 Photography

9 August 1965

Letter - Dr. McMillan to Dr. Seamans (Tab 1).

1. Iterated concern regarding the possible compromise of the NRP by inadvertent or uncontrolled disclosure of photography acquired by non-NRP programs.
2. Noted both the problems associated with security compromise and the possible adverse effect such a disclosure would have on our political relationships with other nations.
3. Considered it mutually advantageous to set up procedures for reviewing all GEMINI-5 photography prior to public release.
4. Questioned appropriateness of present delegations of authority to the MSC (NASA) and to the OSD Public Affairs Representative (DOD) for decisions relative to propriety of public release of photography.
5. Proposed the transfer of responsibility for processing, orientation, and interpretation of future GEMINI or similar photography from the MSC to the NPIC.
6. Proposed joint review (McMillan-Seamans) in conjunction with the Director, NPIC to determine appropriateness for release of processed film.

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Memo - Dr. Seamans to NASA Associate Administrator for Manned Space Flight (Tab 2).

1. Related DOD policy level decision to assume responsibility for processing photography from DOD experiments D-1, 2 and 6.

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2. Advised of arrangements for pickup (aboard recovery carrier) and delivery to DOD of 35mm cassettes from the Zeiss camera.
3. Noted continuation of normal arrangements for delivery of photographic equipment and film from non-DOD experiments to Houston.
4. Related DOD assurance that processed photos would be delivered to Houston well in advance of the scheduled R / 7 debriefing.

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Conversations between Dr. McMillan and Dr. George Mueller, Dr. Hilburn and Adm Boone.

Key points:

1. Not all the product to be diverted to Washington.
2. Only Questar film to be diverted to Washington.
3. Hasselblad (70mm) film from NASA experiments S-5 and S-6 will show terrain and weather in color and will be processed in Houston. DOD will furnish assistance to OSD(PA) representative in review of the film.

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Letter - General Stewart to Director, NPIC. *Tab-3*

1. Noted potential security and/or political problems as concerns public release of GEMINI photography.
2. Noted particular concern over photography to be accomplished with a 35mm Zeiss Contarex/Questar lens combination.
3. In interest of control pending review to determine both security and political implications of release, requested NPIC to assume responsibility for processing of Questar lens photography exposed on GT-5.

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4. Requested Director, NPIC assistance in review of photography by Dr. McMillan and Dr. Seamans.

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