

Sunday  
29 August

- 1800 Colonel Coleman (Houston) called to "trigger" us on his need for an advisor in Houston as early as possible on Monday AM, 30 August. Coleman realized this was earlier than he had expected but explained that the Hasselblad 70mm film was being delivered to arrive in Houston at 2200 hours (local) and that MSC would process overnight for first look early Monday AM.
- 1815 Called Colonel Carter, who asked that I alert Maj Lisciotti for the trip and suggested perhaps an approximate departure on Monday AM from the office. Colonel Carter also asked that I contact Colonel Coleman to determine whether or not a 1200 or early PM arrival would be acceptable.
- 1830 Contacted Major Lisciotti to alert him for the trip.
- 1840 Called Colonel Coleman. He expressed his concern about pressure for release at Houston and urged us to provide an advisor as early as possible Monday AM. Colonel Coleman considered the first few hours Monday AM as critical in terms of review and possible influence on NASA officials at Houston. Informed Colonel Coleman I would discuss the requirement with Colonel Carter.
- 1855 Checked airline schedules.
- 1910 Called Colonel Carter. Explained Colonel Coleman's need and furnished airline schedule information.
- 1915 Colonel Carter called Major Lisciotti to schedule his departure for Houston on EAL Flight 141 -- departing Dulles at 0845, arriving Houston at 0940 local. Colonel Carter called me to advise of these arrangements.
- 1930 Called Colonel Coleman to relate arrangements and request pickup for Lisciotti. Colonel Coleman indicated that, on the Questar film, he had arranged T-39 transportation for Colonel Sweet from Patrick (where he had arrived from the USS Lake Champlain) to Andrews direct. He indicated further that the planned departure of this aircraft from Patrick would probably not be prior to 2030 local.

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2035 Called Andrews Ops. T-39 filed for ETA Andrews at 2155.

2140 Drove to Andrews.

2225 T-39 arrived. Colonel Sweet had Questar cassettes and film backs. Colonel Sweet advised that photo copy of the Astronauts' Log was not available prior to his departure from the carrier and suggested the possibility of intercepting a copy from the Lake Champlain when it docked at Mayport.

2245 Drove to Pentagon.

2310 Secured "take" in 4C 1000.

2315 Drove Colonel Sweet to McLean, Virginia.

2400 Returned home.

Monday 0755 Met with Mr. Jack Davis, NPIC, in 4C 1000, preparatory  
 30 August to meeting with Houston people (Capt Kozuma, Mr. Demel,  
 Mr. Lurcott) and NRTSC representative (Lt Cdr Norrington).

0820 Called Lurcott aside to caution him re divulging organi-  
 zational affiliation of any participant he might recognize.

0825-1020 Presented "take" to Houston people. Convened meeting.  
 Technical discussions on rewinding of film cassettes and  
 processing of film took place between Mr. Davis and  
 Houston people. The Houston contingent furnished a num-  
 ber of practice cassettes plus curves and data on peculi-  
 arities which they had "built into" the experiments. Mr.  
 Davis agreed to providing the following products:

	<u>Film</u>	<u>Type</u>		
DOD Experiments	8443	Ektachrome IR	} Original Negative	
	3400	B+W		Inner Negative
	3401	B+W		7 Duplicate Positives Paper Print
Astronaut Targets of Oppor- tunity (Nominal Advice)	D-50	Ansochrome	} Original Negative	
	D-50	Ansochrome		Inner Negative
	D-200	Ansochrome		3 Positive Duplicates Paper Print
	D-200	Ansochrome		
	8442	Ektachrome		
8443	Ektachrome IR			

During this meeting, it was necessary to explain several times that no assistance from the Houston people was required or desired in terms of processing, review or any other Washington area endeavor.

The Houston people were advised that arrangements had been made and specified for the return of the products to Houston and that their assistance in this activity would, also, not be required.

I agreed to phone Lt Cdr Norrington on Tuesday AM to provide an estimate as to when the products might be returned to Houston.

The subject of Mr. Davis' affiliation was not broached during this meeting.

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1100 Called Colonel Sweet to inquire about the availability of the Astronauts' Log. He indicated he had already contacted Mr. Schneider (NASA, Houston) on arrangements.

1200 Mr. Davis called to indicate that he could not find a source locally for 35mm roll type positive duplicate stock and suggested formatting the dupes on high quality 8 x 10 stock.

1210 Contacted Lt Cdr Norrington. Suggested the substitution which was accepted by Demel and Lurcott.

1220 Advised Mr. Davis to proceed.

1300 Colonel Sweet called to report that he had arranged for a copy of the Log to be flown to Washington tonight. Made arrangements to pick up the Log at NASA Hq (FOB #6) at 0815 on Tuesday, 31 August.

1400 Mr. Lurcott called to say that the "Bureau" had called him to inquire as to whether the Navy would be represented in the review of the GEMINI "take." (How the Bureau found out that a review would take place is beyond me!) I advised Mr. Lurcott that the review was, in fact, a joint DOD-NASA review and that the Navy would certainly be represented by the DOD participant. Mr. Lurcott's comment: OK, fine, I'll tell the Bureau that it's all set.

1430 Colonel Sweet called to say that Dr. Seamans had just received a call from Cooper and that "Gordo" had expressed concern over the processing of "his-NASA" film; that he had used a number of "trick settings" and that he would be "goddamned" unhappy if somebody fouled up the processing. Colonel Sweet advised that

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1430 Dr. Seamans was now concerned that we were processing NASA film in addition to that from the DOD experiments. I confirmed that we were processing the so-called "Cooper-NASA" film which had been taken with the Questar lens and recalled for Colonel Sweet the original McMillan-Seamans (9 Aug 65) agreement calling for all the GEMINI "take" to be processed by NPIC -- then a subsequent reconsideration by McMillan-Mueller (20 Aug 65) which specified that the Hasselblad 70mm would be processed at Houston, but that all Questar "take" would be processed, interpreted and reviewed here. I tried to assure Colonel Sweet that the NPIC processing would, without any doubt, be far superior to that done anywhere else -- and without reflecting on the capabilities of others -- particularly by the MSC Lab at Houston. I urged Colonel Sweet to discuss this whole arrangement again with Dr. Seamans in an attempt to assure him that the whole matter was being handled appropriately. He agreed to do so. I agreed to make another check with Mr. Davis on the "Cooper trick setting" problem.

1445 Called Mr. Davis. Related the Cooper concern. Asked Mr. Davis what effect, if any, the settings would have on the processing of the film. Mr. Davis assured me that color film could not be hand-processed by anyone, anywhere. (State-of-the-art) Mr. Davis indicated further that the only use which could be made of "trick setting" or other unique information was perhaps as an indicator that several frames of a particular roll were "under- or over-exposed" in which case NPIC could process around the problem and preserve the

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useful portions of a particular roll. I advised Mr. Davis that I would be picking up the Astronauts Log at 0815 on Tuesday and that I would deliver it to NPIC for his possible use in processing and to assist in the identification of the "take." I asked Mr. Davis for an estimate as to when we could anticipate reviewing the products. Mr. Davis indicated that he had, unfortunately, been forced to devote the entire afternoon toward resolving the discrepancies between the data provided by the Houston people -- supposedly correlated with the practice film also provided by the Houston people. Mr. Davis had run trial after trial to qualify the data and had conclusively shown through the sensitometric runs that much of the information (particularly on the thin-base B+W) provided by the Houston people was completely "false." At this particular time, he was busily engaged in calibrating his process to match the "desired curves." In light of this unanticipated burden, Mr. Davis estimated that he would be ready for the review at 1030 hours on Wednesday, 1 September. I asked his suggestions as to where we should plan to hold the meeting. He suggested Building 213 as most practical in terms of availability of equipment and the product. I informed him that I would arrange the attendance of our people and Dr. Seamans and asked him to arrange the attendance of the Deputy Director, NPIC. He agreed to do so.

1510 Called Colonel Sweet. Passed on Mr. Davis' comments on the processing, assuring him once again that the matter was in good hands. Asked Colonel Sweet to arrange for Dr. Seamans' attendance at the review tentatively scheduled for 1030 hours on Wednesday, 1 September. He agreed to do so.

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1520      Advised Colonel Carter of the tentative schedule for review. Colonel Carter informed me that we would be represented by Dr. Flax or General Stewart or both assisted by Colonel Howard and possibly Colonel Carter himself.

1545      Major Lisciotti called Mr. Mazza. I joined Mr. Mazza in the discussion. Lisciotti indicated that "they" had reviewed the Hasselblad "take" thus far processed and had decided (he and Colonel Coleman) to recommend the release of 4 photos:

1. San Diego-Los Angeles area
2. Tampa, Florida area
3. Weather (hurricane eye) shot showing Moroccan Coast
4. Nile River Valley

Mr. Mazza and I expressed immediate concern over the release of the Nile River shot as perhaps not advisable - Major Lisciotti agreed to regroup on that particular one. Lisciotti indicated that, in the absence of viewing equipment in Houston, he had decided with Colonel Coleman that he (Lisciotti) should bring back any negatives or positives available for a more thorough review here. He indicated that NASA, Houston had already agreed to this and was in the process of checking with its higher headquarters at the time.

A subsequent discussion of this call by Mr. Mazza and Colonel Carter resulted in a conference call between Colonel Carter, Mr. Mazza and Major Lisciotti in which Colonel Carter explicitly instructed Major Lisciotti to:

1. Bring with him only those photos which were excess to NASA's needs and which would create no delay in NASA's activity at Houston.

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1545 2. Arrange specifically with Colonel Coleman as to what advice he expected with regard to these photos and as to how this advice was to be provided.

1645 Colonel Barger, NPIC (Mr. Scheufele's Deputy) called with regard to arrangements for the review on Wednesday. Colonel Barger was under the impression that he was to schedule a PI evaluation of the "take" just as soon as Mr. Davis had completed the processing, prior to the review. I indicated that I would check this point with Colonel Carter.

1705 After discussing Colonel Barger's call with Colonel Carter, he suggested it might be advisable to have Colonel Barger's team perform this evaluation in order to facilitate the review by Dr. Flax, General Stewart, Dr. Seamans et al. I called Colonel Barger to accept his previous offer of the PI evaluation and asked that he limit the evaluation to an indication of:

1. Quality (in terms of resolution)

2. Location of photo

Colonel Barger indicated he would arrange for the evaluation and tentatively estimated that this activity could be run concurrently with the processing and that he could probably complete the evaluation in time for the scheduled Wednesday, 1 September, 1030 hours review. Col Barger will confirm this item on Tuesday AM.

1710 Captain Koch reported that he had a visitor in the reception area -- a Captain \_\_\_\_\_ from Op Nav who was quite concerned about Navy representation at a review of the GT-5 photography. Colonel Carter and I advised Captain Koch of the near-breach and the several other unfortunate events which had resulted from Mr. Lurcott's (obviously the instigator of this action on the part of Op Nav) meddling in affairs which were clearly not his concern.



Monday 1710 Captain Koch discussed the matter with the Op Nav visitor  
30 August and agreed to Colonel Carter's suggestion that he (Captain  
(Continued) Koch) call Captain Matton (Commander, NRTSC) to apprise  
him of the difficulties we have experienced with Mr. Lurcott.

Tuesday 0815 Arrived in Colonel Sweet's office, NASA Hq (FOB #6)  
31 August to pick up Astronaut's Log to assist in identifying shutter  
speeds and f-settings used in exposing 35mm color film.

0830 Received call from Colonel Sweet (in Mr. Schneider's  
office - FOB #10B), who indicated that Mr. Schneider  
had not yet arrived. Colonel Sweet returned to his  
office.

1000 Called Colonel Carter to advise of delay.

1015 Colonel Sweet received a call from Mr. Pollking  
(Mr. Schneider's office). Pollking stated that he had  
commenced a review of the log.

1030 Met with Mr. Schneider, who asked Pollking to provide  
log extracts to Colonel Sweet. Pollking uncertain,  
even on Mr. Schneider's advice, as to whether or not  
log extracts should be provided. Several minutes of  
discussion ensued. I advised Colonel Sweet that my  
time was running out. Colonel Sweet succeeded finally  
in convincing Pollking that he represented Dr. Seamans  
and that the log info was essential in carrying out a  
task Dr. Seamans had asked be accomplished.

1045 Began to scan three very large rolls of reproduced log.

1115 Called Colonel Carter to indicate delay in obtaining  
log extracts.

1145 Received note to call Mr. Davis immediately. Called  
Mr. Davis, who excitedly reported that he had  
processed the 4400 B+W in Magazine 9 and had gotten  
a blank!! Experienced a slight faintness accompanied  
by a brief loss of speech. Mr. Davis indicated that he  
would not proceed further until I arrived at Building 213.  
I asked if he had gotten any image at all. He reported  
5 very light half-circle images -- and nothing more. I  
advised Mr. Davis that I had just about completed the  
scan of the log and could in about 15 minutes be on my  
way.

1145 Called Colonel Carter. Was advised he had departed  
for home.

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1150 Proceeded to Dr. Seamans office with Colonel Sweet to obtain his authorization to use log extracts. Met with Mr. Hilburn.

1200 Called Colonel Carter (at home). Apprised Colonel Carter of Mr. Davis' call. Colonel Carter asked me to call General Stewart and relate this incident.

1215 Called General Stewart. (Dr. Seamans arrived in Mr. Hilburn's office just as I called.) Related Mr. Davis' call. Indicated to General Stewart that I was about to discuss the log extracts with Dr. Seamans and that I would apprise him of the processing difficulties experienced by Mr. Davis.

1225 Met with Dr. Seamans and Mr. Hilburn. Reviewed the situation. Dr. Seamans apprised me of Cooper's call and concern. Dr. Seamans indicated a real concern over the NASA-MSC morale problem and advised that he had been urged by Dr. Gilruth to deliver the film to MSC, Houston for processing. Dr. Seamans decided to hold the processing of the "NASA" film until we had processed the remaining DOD film. At that time, he indicated he would decide whether or not to proceed. Dr. Seamans approved our use of the log extracts. I agreed to check back with him just as soon as I had further information on the processing of the DOD film.

1300 Departed Dr. Seamans office. Had message in Colonel Sweet's office to call Mr. Davis.

1305 Called Mr. Davis, who reported that he had processed the roll of 8443 EK IR film (Magazine II) and had obtained 7 good plus several possible images. I indicated I was on my way to Building 213.

1310 Called General Stewart to relate the better news. He asked that I advise Dr. Seamans immediately.

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1315 Interrupted Dr. Seamans' and Mr. Hilburn's lunch to relate the news on the IR film, Dr. Seamans was pleased with the information and asked that I check back with him.

1320 Departed NASA Hq for Building 213.

1330 Arrived at NPIC. Discussed situation with Mr. Davis. Suggested that half circle images on B+W might be moons.

1345 Called Colonel Carter to confer on processing. Colonel Carter decided to proceed with processing of remaining roll of B+W (4401 - Magazine 10).

1350 Advised Mr. Davis to proceed.

1415 Called Colonel Carter to report that the 4401 B+W had been processed and that approximately 57 usable images had been obtained. Informed Colonel Carter that I would review immediately with Mr. Davis the log extracts in an attempt to ascertain exposure data on the color film before calling Dr. Seamans with regard to processing. Reviewed the log (hurriedly) and extracted exposure data on cassettes 12A, B and C. Log indicated use of nominal exposures on cassettes 12A and B but rather wide range of f-settings and shutter speeds on 12C. No record of log entries on cassettes 12D, E and F. Discussed possibilities with Mr. Davis. Called Colonel Sweet for possible additional log data.

1500 Called Colonel Sweet then Mr. Hilburn. Advised Mr. Hilburn that we had obtained some 55 usable images on the B+W and had reviewed the log for data on the color film. Advised Mr. Hilburn that indications were normal on 12A and B and that the exposure data on 12C revealed quite a range in both shutter speeds and f-settings. Requested Mr. Hilburn's authorization to proceed. Mr. Hilburn authorized us to proceed and suggested processing for "bulk" on 12C.

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- 1515 Mr. Davis began processing the color film.
- 1530 Left Mr. Davis' office to meet with Colonel Barger. On way down the hall Mr. Davis called excitedly to report that his technicians had started the color film through and had discovered that it was 2.5 mil mylar base which presented difficulty in threading and that it was in excess of normal 36 exposure length. Turned out to be some 10 feet long - necessitating a cut. (Note: This information, i. e., film base and extra length was not provided by Houston representatives on 30 August.)
- 1540 Met briefly with Colonel Barger to discuss arrangements for Wednesday meeting.
- 1555 Called Colonel Sweet to meet him outside FOB #6 for additional log data.
- 1600 Met Colonel Sweet. Picked up Section 11 of log. (Note: Was duplicate of information already extracted. Provided no further information on cassettes 12D, E and F.
- 1635 Arrived at Pentagon. Discussed Wednesday meeting arrangements with Colonel Carter.
- 1650 Called Mr. Davis, who reported good images on Cassettes 12A and B, but only 2 images on 12C. (Note: Subsequent analysis of 12C revealed camera film transport malfunction - resulting in film slipping off sprocket after exposure of frame 2 and sprocket scraping emulsion between two sprocket holes. Film had then apparently bunched with all subsequent exposures in one frame. Remainder unexposed.)
- 1700 Called Colonel Barger. Delays incurred necessitated rearrangement of meeting time from 1030 to 1530 on Wednesday. Advised Colonel Carter.

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Results:

a. Magazine 9 - 4400 B+W - Entries for 8 frames -- 1 thru 4 -- Moon; 5 thru 8 Alpha Centaur.

(Note: This explained half circle images -- moon in quarter phase. Did not explain underexposure.)

b. Magazine 10 - 4401 B+W - Entries for 61 frames. (Note: Initial review of original negative revealed approximately 57 images.)

c. Magazine 11 - EK IR - Entries for 16 frames. (Subsequent review revealed all 16 images after log data provided information on 4 Moon and 4 Venus exposures.)

d. Magazine 12 - Cassettes A, B and C  
Entries for approximately 60 frames each.

Cassettes D, E and F. No entries.

Wrote "background memo" for Colonel Carter (for Wednesday meeting).

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Delivered analysis of log extracts to NPIC. Based on no log information on cassettes 12 D, E, and F, Mr. Davis decided to process normally. (Note: Processed film revealed no images -- indicating that cassettes 12 D, E, and F were not exposed!)

Met with Colonel Barger who indicated that Mr. Camp and Captain Sands had asked that I review with them the arrangements and attendance for the scheduled meeting. Discussed the arrangements with Mr. Camp, Captain Sands, and Colonel Barger.

Met with Mr. Davis and Major Lowery to discuss their participation. Mr. Davis was to prepare a discussion of the processing with Major Lowery discussing targetting and mission take.

1230 Returned to Pentagon.  
Met with Colonel Carter. Completed background memo. Called Colonel Barger to confirm final list of attendees (attached.) Wrote introductory comments for meeting and reviewed them with Colonel Carter.

1500 To NPIC for meeting.

1530 Meeting delayed -- awaiting Dr. Seamans' arrival.

1605 Meeting underway.

Introduction - Major Yost  
Processing - Mr. Davis  
Resolution - Mr. Pearce  
Targetting and Mission Take - Major Lowery

It was decided by the "principals" that (a) the DoD portion of the photography would be classified SECRET.

(b) The "NASA" film would be considered UNCLASSIFIED (several frames to be further reviewed by Dr. Seamans and instructions on releasability to be provided MSC, Houston by Dr. Seamans).

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(c) General Stewart would accomplish a further review of the DoD portion to ascertain which frames could be declassified and released.

(d) In interim, the DoD film would be delivered (by Major Yost) to MSC, Houston to Colonel McKee for analysis by experimentors and use in scheduled debriefing at a SECRET level and returned (by Major Yost) to Washington, immediately upon completion of the debriefing.

(e) General Ritland would handle subsequent disposition of DoD film.

A brief discussion of DoD experiments on future Gemini flights was held. It was agreed that this subject would be discussed further.

Dr. Seamans requested that we deliver the "NASA" products to MSC, Houston. It was agreed that Major Yost would do so.

Dr. Seamans suggested that a representative of NPIC visit the MSC, Houston to discuss processing, problems encountered, etc. Mr. Camp named Mr. Davis and Major Lowery as the individuals to accomplish these discussions. Dr. Seamans further requested an "unclassified" report on the processing.

More detailed minutes of this meeting are available in a Memorandum for Record, subject: "Ziess Questar Photography Taken on Gemini-V Flight."



ATTENDANCE - BLDG 213

1 September 1965, 1530 hours

DOD:

Dr. Flax  
General Stewart  
General Ritland  
Colonel Carter  
Lt Colonel Howard  
Major Yost (Recorder)

NASA:

Dr. Seamans  
Dr. Hilburn  
Mr. Sweet

STATE:

Mr. Halsted  
Mr. Nesbitt

CIA:



NPIC:

Mr. Camp  
Others as required

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Thursday 0830-  
2. September 1330

A series of telephone conversations with Colonel Sweet re

(a) Arrangements for delivery of NASA products (contact, pickup, storage, etc.)

(b) Arrangements for visit by Mr. Davis and Major Lowery.

Discussion with Colonel Carter re delivery, handling, use and return of DoD products.

A series of telephone conversations with Mr. Davis on availability of products.

1400-  
1530

Colonel Sweet called to indicate that he had discussed the subject of Mr. Davis' and Major Lowery's visit to Houston and that he saw no urgency to the visit -- suggesting it be delayed until after the "holiday" -- 8 or 9 September. Colonel Sweet asked that I discuss the visit with the MSC people -- to arrange time, place, etc. I agreed to do so and called Mr. Davis to ask that he and Major Lowery postpone their plans to accompany me and tentatively schedule their visit for about 8 or 9 September. I indicated I would discuss arrangements with the MSC people.

Called Mr. Davis to insure the availability of the material for pickup at approximately 1600.

Colonel Carter discussed arrangements for delivery of the DoD products with General Ritland and called Colonel McKee to advise him of these arrangements.

Colonel Sweet called to indicate that he had cleared my visit with Dr. Gilruth and had made arrangements with Mr. Simpkinson for receipt of the NASA products.

Instructions:

(1) Mr. Gammon, MSC Houston, will meet you at airport and provide transportation to MSC.

(2) Turn over NASA products to Mr. Gammon for storage and or disposition. Receipt desirable.

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(3) Handle DOD products as SECRET material and deliver to Colonel McKee at 0800, 3 September, Room 457, Building 2, MSC, Houston.

(4) Provide physical security for DOD products at all times (during analysis by experimentors, use in debriefings, delivery and return.)

(5) Discuss with and provide to Colonel McKee a copy of prescribed ground rules for handling of DOD products.

(6) Insure arrangements for security at any review or debriefing of DOD products.

(7) Discuss with Colonel McKee any problems in handling reports of results (both initial and final).

(8) Steer clear of the press. Be prepared to respond appropriately, if confronted.

1615 Departed Pentagon.

1630 Arrived NPIC. Inventoried and packaged material. Discussed sensitometric test strips and data with Mr. Davis.

1715 Departed NPIC for Friendship.

1855 Departed Friendship.

1940 Arrived Houston. Met by Mr. Gammon.

2015 Arrived MSC. Turned over NASA products to Mr. Gammon and Mr. Holland, Chief, Technical Laboratory Branch. Obtained temporary receipt. Asked that receipt be addressed to Dr. Seamans for my delivery. (Provided on 3 September, copy attached.)

Dr. Semans  
NASA Hqds., Washington, D.C.

September 3, 1965

WJL/John Holland  
Chief, Technical Laboratory Branch

Receipt of original GT-5 (35mm) from Major U.R. Yost

The following onboard original 35mm film from GT-5 was received on September 2, 1965.

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<u>CASSETTE</u>	<u>FILM</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>PROCESS</u>	
A	Anacochrome D-50 (1 Frame lost in cutting)	Color	Original Negative Inner Negative Duplicate Positive	1 Roll 1 Set 1 Set
B	Anacochrome D-50 (1 Frame lost in cutting film and processing damage)	Color	Original Negative Inner Negative Duplicate Positive	1 Roll 1 Set 1 Set
E	Anacochrome D-100	Color	Original Negative (Malfunction of camera)	1 Roll
D	Anacochrome D-200	Color	Original Negative (Not Exposed)	1 Roll
E	Ektachrome 8442 Aerial	Color	Original Negative (Not Exposed)	1 Roll
F	Ektachrome 8443 Aerial	Infrared	Original Negative (Not Exposed)	1 Roll

  
John Holland

3 September 0800 Met with Colonel McKee, Lt Colonel Ballentine,  
Friday and Captain Kozuma. Discussed arrangements for  
analysis and debriefings. Discussed and provided  
copies of prescribed ground rules (copy attached).

0900 Called Colonel Carter re debriefing problem and  
requested identification of items which could be dis-  
cussed in anticipated "uncontrolled" debriefing.

0920 Lt Cdr Hilz advised Lt Colonel Ballentine and me of  
further Navy concern. Called Colonel Carter to  
suggest Washington contact with Navy Op 76 on  
scheduled visit of Cdr Reid. Indicated that Navy  
represented on experiments at MSC by Mr. Lurcott,  
Lt Marechal and Lt Cdr Hilz.

0930 Experimentors proceeded with analysis of film.  
(Captain Kozuma, Mr. Lurcott and Lt Marechal)  
(Note: Captain Kozuma confirmed that the IR film  
had been exposed by the 200mm lens -- not the  
Questar lens.)

1300 Colonel Carter called to advise of selected subjects  
for use in Photography Debriefing scheduled for  
Sunday, 5 September.

Selections:	1	Dallas (city)	B/W
	3	Cape Kennedy	B/W
	5	Celestials	B/W
	8	Celestials	IR

Colonel Carter also advised that Admiral Taylor, ONI  
had been contacted re Navy concern, had been apprised  
of arrangements and had no objections.

Passed on only the information that Admiral Taylor  
had been contacted on the Navy request.

- 3 September (Continued) 1400 Discussed selected subjects with Colonel McKee.
- 1500 Mr. Gammon requested assistance in identifying NASA photos. Assisted him in arranging dupe positives in sequence of original negatives. No further comment! (Note: Captain Kozuma accompanied me. He confirmed that all the NASA film was taken with the 200mm lens -- not with the Questar lens.)
- 1530 Dr. Gilruth called me at the same time Mr. Low (Dr. Gilruth's Deputy) called Colonel McKee, in the next office. Both were asking if Colonel McKee and I would mind showing the DOD film to Dr. Gilruth, Mr. Low and Gordon Cooper. We proceeded to the office where they had just reviewed the NASA film to review the DOD products.
- 1540 Reviewed film with Dr. Gilruth, Mr. Low, Mr. Schneider, Colonel McKee and Gordon Cooper. Colonel McKee related the status of the film and the prescribed ground rules for its handling.

Dr. Gilruth was concerned that the film had been classified and asked what DOD was going to do about releasing pictures. It was obvious that he was not the least bit sympathetic to the reasons for the control, but simply concerned about the "public release image" of MSC. Colonel McKee and I commented only that a further review of the DOD film was in process and that the possible release (and arrangements therefor) of any photographs would very shortly be discussed by the DOD with Dr. Seamans.

It was also obvious that Dr. Gilruth had, by this time, been agitated by the die-hard MSC photo processors to the point where I'm sure no one could reason with him. He was extremely unhappy that the "NASA film" had been diverted to Washington. He complained that whoever processed the film had completely fouled it up

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by cutting it and destroying several frames by extremely sloppy handling. He was further concerned that NASA Hq had agreed to this arrangement and had allowed the film to be processed by incapable people after his laboratory had readied themselves for the job and were so much more capable of doing the work. I assume his comments were addressed to me rather than to Colonel McKee. I had no comment. Gordon Cooper had no comments except "look at that one!" and "wow, look at this" and "gee, that color (IR) is beautiful."

Neither Mr. Low nor Mr. Schneider commented. All were attentive to Dr. Gilruth's statements. Colonel McKee advised Dr. Gilruth that while he had received a "go-ahead" to discuss some 13 photos during the scheduled D-1, D-2, D-6 photo debriefing on Sunday, it would be necessary to arrange a private session with the astronauts to cover the remainder in detail.

1645 Met with Colonel McKee, Lt Colonel Ballentine, Captain Kozuma, and Mr. Piland (MSC Experiments Manager).

Colonel McKee explained the problem of an uncontrolled debriefing session on the DOD photography -- briefing Mr. Piland on the ground rules. After some discussion Mr. Piland agreed that he saw no reason why the session could not be controlled and authorized Colonel McKee to arrange it in this manner. Colonel McKee also discussed the scheduled Wednesday, 8 September technical debriefing and suggested that any technical aspects be handled in conjunction with the controlled photography debriefing -- eliminating the requirement for discussion of experiments D-1, D-2 and D-6 at the technical debriefing. Mr. Piland agreed.

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Colonel McKee received a call indicating that Mr. Simpkinson was quite upset after having learned that "all" the film was not turned over to Mr. Gammon the night before. Colonel McKee asked Mr. Simpkinson in to meet with him and me. This gent was quite upset, wholly the result of being completely misinformed. Quieting his concern took quite some doing -- he left satisfied and apologetic.

1715 Experimentors resumed their analysis.

1900 Secured the material.



Saturday 0800 Experimentors continued their analysis. Mr. Demel,  
4 September WPAFB arrived to joint them. Captain Kozuma  
briefed Demel on the procedures.

1100 Captain Kozuma was advised that Photography Debrief-  
ing had been rescheduled for 1500 hours today to allow  
the astronauts a Sunday off.

1500 Debriefings behind schedule.

1600 Debriefing commenced.

Controlled Attendance; Colonel McKee  
Cooper  
Conrad  
Shepard  
Slayton

Experimenters;

Capt Kozuma  
Mr. Lurcott  
Lt Marechal  
Mr. Demel  
Capt Brentnall  
Mr. Brinkman (MSC  
Photo Lab Chief)  
Mr. McKee (Administrative)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Mr Piland's  
Representative)

Complete frame-by-frame review and technical (photo-  
graphic) question and answer session accomplished-for  
experiments D-1, D-2 and D-6. Technical discussion  
of experiment D-4/D-7 also accomplished.

On arrangements for the Thursday (R/11) press con-  
ference, Gordon Cooper asked what they were to say  
or how they were to respond to the press. Colonel  
McKee indicated that he did not expect to be a prin-  
cipal -- since they would probably follow the same  
general press conference procedures as on past flights.

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He has not participated as a principal. Slayton then commented that he had scheduled a 3-hour session on Thursday AM, preparatory to the press conference and that both Cooper and Conrad would be briefed on these aspects of the matter.

Following the review Gordon Cooper mentioned to me that he had called Dr. Seamans earlier in the week to express his concern about the handling of the NASA film. He stated that he was "damned unhappy" with the arrangements and had he known that Colonel Sweet was picking up all the film, he would have had a fist fight on his hands aboard the carrier, because he "damn sure wouldn't have taken the NASA film." He stated further that this was supposed to be a "national program" and should be handled in that fashion. He stated that he was speaking as a "NASA man." He indicated that they would not hear the end of this. He indicated that he intended personally to discuss this mess with some very high level people and that he would start with General McConnell. He indicated that it was a damn shame what the processors had done to the film -- ruining a roll and a half -- cutting it, handling it sloppily, not processing it correctly, and as a result completely destroying the color. He stated that the MSC Lab had been completely prepared to do a professional job and that someone had talked NASA into allowing the film to be processed by completely incapable people. At this point he asked if Wright-Patterson had processed the film. I stated that they had not. He didn't press the question further. He commented further that the whole MSC was upset about this "mess" and that it would without a doubt result in a serious rift between the Air Force and NASA. He did say Air Force.)

- 1830 Debriefing completed.
- 1900 Colonel McKee asked me to deliver several "unclassified" paragraphs on the results of experiments D-1, D-2, D-6, and D-4/D-7 to Lt Colonel Fry, MSFN for General Ritland.
- 1930 Secured material.