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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

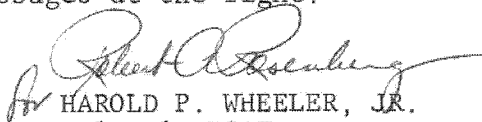
SUBJECT: HEXAGON Mapping Decisions

As the result of our 20 October meeting, Dr. Hall issued the decision memorandum at TAB A, asking for the termination of the mapping camera system (MCS) for SV-17 and 18 and establishment of the metric pan system (MPS) as the baseline for these two missions. In response, we sent the message at TAB B, directing termination of the new MPS procurement. SAFSP's resulting direction to Itek is at TAB C.

The messages at the right direct implementation of the MPS as the HEXAGON baseline, establish a 15 January 1976 milestone for a detailed program and technical staff review prior to major fund commitment (greater than \$1 million), and inform DMA of our actions. The program review is needed to assess the final technical and programmatic results of the MPS study.

The Director's Report for the November ExCom properly reflects the above actions.

Recommend you sign the messages at the right.

  
HAROLD P. WHEELER, JR.  
Colonel, USAF  
Director

## Attachments


Hall Memo (TAB A)  
WHIG 1632 (TAB B)  
CHARGE 9620 (TAB C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

SUBJECT: Proposed Change to the Overhead Mapping Program

I have reviewed the options you presented for providing a metric mapping capability in conjunction with the currently approved HEXAGON program. Our assessment of the technical, cost and schedule risk that you presented in the 20 October meeting is that the risk is now acceptable to change the baseline configuration for HEXAGON vehicles 17 and 18 to the Metric Pan System (MPS). Vice Admiral Cramer also indicated his preference for this course of action at the meeting. The termination of the Mapping Camera System procurement for vehicles 17 and 18 and applying the MC&G program element funds for MPS procurement is approved.

Please relay to your staff appreciation for their timely support in this matter. As a result, we were able to accommodate the restructuring of the program prior to Defense Mapping Agency budget submittal.

*Albert C. Hall*

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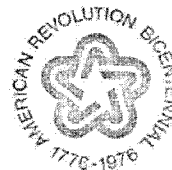
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