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WASHINGTON, D.C.



THE NRO STAFF

16 January 1975

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Mapping Camera Calibration Capability  
at the Cloudcroft, N.M. Site

BACKGROUND

The HEXAGON Mapping Camera is calibrated preflight with star field images made with the flight hardware at an Air Force Systems Command (AFSC) Avionics Laboratory facility at Cloudcroft, New Mexico. AFSC/DL has recently determined that AFSC has no current requirement for the facility and plans to close it on 1 July 1975 (TAB D). After being informed of this move by Lt Col Powell of SAFSP-7, I confirmed it with Lt Col Bass and [redacted] of AFSC/DL. Based on this confirmation, SS-7 sent two messages to SAFSP-7 (TABs A and B). SAFSP-7's reply at TAB C elaborates on the requirement, states that there is no alternative to the Cloudcroft calibration, and further states that the requirement will exist through the first part of 1977, at least.

DISCUSSION

At this point there is definitely a problem, and, in view of SAFSP's response, some question as to who will solve it. In any event the possible courses of action include:

A. Get AFSC to keep the site open, at our expense. This course requires cost data from AFSC which I would get from General Hendricks, Director of S&T (telephone 185-7175) who is BYEMAN-cleared.

B. Have SAFSP take over the site.

C. Do the calibrations with the Artificial Star Field Generator developed at Itek by SAFSP-6. SP-7 says it cannot work (TAB C) but I have information from DMA saying they have used it successfully.

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D. Stop doing preflight calibrations. The Metric Pan approach does not need it: inflight calibration with the BAR-X-C range is sufficient.

ACTION

I am sorting out the discrepancy on the Artificial Star Field device via phone with SP-6 and SP-7. DMA (Webb) is answering the question of the absolute need for preflight calibration. I will visit General Hendricks to inform him of our interest and to get the cost needed to determine a choice between AFSC and SAFSP maintenance of the site. I anticipate sending a message to SAFSP by 1 February 1975 when all the data is available.



DANIEL B. HUTCHISON  
Lt Colonel, USAF

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1. WHIG 1630, TAB A
2. WHIG 1669, TAB B
3. CHARGE 9788, TAB C
4. WEED 0070, TAB D

cc: Col Rosenberg  
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF CLOUDCRAFT FACILITY

REFERENCE: TELECON LT COL HUTCHISON/LT COL POWELL, 2 AND  
3 DECEMBER 1974

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FOR: COL WHEELER/LT COL HUTCHISON, FROM COL ANDERSON/LT COL POWELL.

SUBJECT: MAPPING CAMERA CALIBRATION SITE-CLOUDCROFT, N.M.

REF: WHIG 1630, 06 DEC 74

1. EACH HEXAGON MAPPING CAMERA IS TRANSPORTED TO THE CLOUDCROFT SITE FOR STELLAR CALIBRATION ENROUTE TO THE WEST COAST. THE STELLAR CALIBRATION IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE CRITICAL INTERNAL CAMERA PARAMETERS AND LOCK ANGLES BETWEEN CAMERAS. NO OTHER CALIBRATION SCHEME CURRENTLY AVAILABLE CAN PROVIDE THESE PARAMETERS WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO MODERN MAPPING REQUIREMENTS.
2. THE CLOUDCROFT SITE (BUILDING 5404) HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO ACCEPT THE SPECIALIZED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ACCOMPLISHING THE MAPPING CAMERA CALIBRATION. THE BUILDING IS USED FOR THIS

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PURPOSE ONLY. NO OTHER SITE OR CALIBRATION SCHEMES ARE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO ACQUIRE THIS MAPPING SUPPORT DATA. THE SO CALLED ARTIFICIAL STAR FIELD GENERATING DEVICE IS NOT CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THIS ACTIVITY AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT IT COULD BE DEVELOPED IN TIME TO SUPPORT THE REMAINING FOUR UNITS.

3. OUR OPERATIONS AT CLOUDCROFT DO NOT REQUIRE SUPPORT FROM SITE PERSONNEL. OUR ACTIVITIES ARE SUPPORTED BY ACORN AND CLEAT PERSONNEL. WE DO REQUIRE SOME HOUSEKEEPING FUNCTIONS TO BE DONE BY SITE PERSONNEL DURING PERIODS BETWEEN OUR OPERATIONS. THESE WOULD INCLUDE ACCESS ROAD MAINTENANCE, PHYSICAL SECURITY, FACILITY PROTECTION FROM VANDALISM, SNOW REMOVAL, FIRE INSPECTIONS, AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP. CERTAINLY THIS DOES NOT REQUIRE EVEN ONE FULL TIME PERSON THEREFORE THE ANNUAL COSTS TO THE PROJECT HAVE BEEN MINIMAL IN THE PAST, APPROXIMATELY \$25,000 PER YEAR, AND WE WOULD ANTICIPATE NO MORE THAN THIS IF THE SITE WERE UNDER ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL CONTROL.

4. OUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR USE OF THE CLOUDCROFT FACILITY HAVE BEEN ON BASIS OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR OFFICE, THE SITE COMMANDER AND AFM. THIS INFORMAL AGREEMENT WAS CONSIDERED BEST DUE TO THE MINIMAL SUPPORT REQUIRED AND THE OVERT NATURE OF THE SITE FUNCTIONS VERSUS THE COVERT NATURE OF OUR OPERATIONS ON THE

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 SUBJ: CLOUDCRAFT CLOSING  
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