

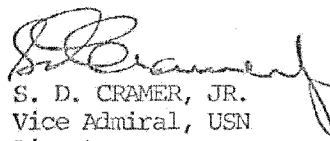


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MEMORANDUM TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INTELLIGENCE)

SUBJECT: Proposed Change to the Overhead Mapping Program

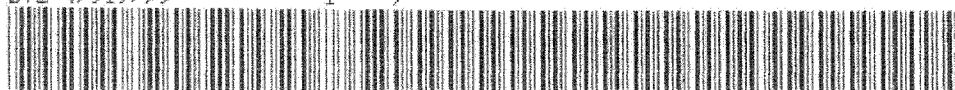
1. In accordance with your memorandum of 31 January 1975, (BYE-65849-75), I have reviewed options one and four with respect to their capability to satisfy DoD MC&G requirements.
2. Option four, while providing some advantage for outyear MC&G requirements, would deprive me of two critical mapping missions essential to immediate requirements. Target positioning support for the Minute-man III ICBM fleet and point positioning data bases for tactical weapon systems are already behind schedule due to lack of photographic materials.
3. I recommend proceeding with option one, the approved program. This assures a continuing metric capability and provides the greatest likelihood of satisfying current MC&G requirements. It does not, however, provide for satisfying projected requirements, particularly those related to support of oncoming weapons systems.
4. Pursuit of the study for alternative means to provide metric quality attitude information with the HEXAGON primary camera system is most important. A critical factor for DMA long-range planning, which the study must address, is the earliest mission by which the Metric Panoramic System, if feasible, can be operational.


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Director

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