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7 MAR 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

SUBJECT: Proposed Change to the Overhead Mapping Program

I have enclosed my memorandum of 31 January 1975 to
Vice Admiral Cramer citing my position on his proposed program
memorandum and his 14 February 1975 response. I believe we should
proceed with the currently approved mapping camera procurement.

Albert Hall

Albert C. Hall

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31 Jan 73

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY

SUBJECT: Proposed Change to the Overhead Mapping Program

I have completed the examination of your proposed PM and find the current system (Option 1) consistent with presently identified and near-term requirements.

An NRO funded study of alternative means for providing metric quality attitude information is approved. In addition, I have asked the DNRO to work with you on the alternative flight schedule proposed at our 17 January meeting.

Please relay to your staff my appreciation for the time and effort it took to produce the Program Memorandum.

/s/

Albert C. Hall

Systems Evaluation Group

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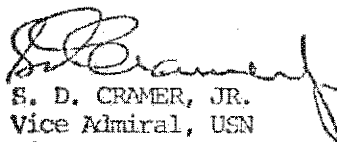


14 FEB 1975

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.


S. D. CRAMER, JR.
Vice Admiral, USN
Director

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