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FOR GEN BRADBURN FROM [redacted] WHEELER.

REF: CHARGE 3021 AND CHARGE 3003.

SUBJECT: HEXAGON MAPPING CAPABILITY.

1. THE NRO HAS AN OBLIGATION TO THE EXCOM TO PROVIDE TWO ADDITIONAL MAPPING CAMERAS FOR HEXAGON VEHICLES 17 AND 18. AS YOU ARE AWARE A NEW LINE ITEM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE DEFENSE BUDGET TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION OF THESE TWO MAPPING CAMERAS. BASED ON NUMEROUS MESSAGES AND TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN WHIG AND CHARGE, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE NRO CAN NOT INSURE DELIVERY OF A MAPPING CAPABILITY ON SV-17, WITHIN THE CURRENT BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, WITHOUT COMMITTING TO LONG

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LEAD PROCUREMENT THIS FISCAL YEAR USING NRP RESOURCES.

2. AS INDICATED IN PRIOR MESSAGES, \$500K OF FY-75 NRP FUNDS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED TO SUPPORT THE SP PROPOSED PAN CAMERA MODIFICATIONS. WHILE IT IS DESIRABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE PAN CAMERA MODIFICATION STUDY, IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE TIME CRITICAL, IN THAT THE EARLIEST APPLICATION FOR A MODIFIED PAN SYSTEM WILL BE ON HEXAGON VEHICLE 19 (BLOCK 4).

3. IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF FY 75 FUNDS AND THE OVERRIDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE CAPABILITY TO ACQUIRE THE FOLLOW-ON MAPPING CAMERAS FOR HEXAGON VEHICLES 17 AND 18, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO APPLY MINIMUM FY 75 NRP FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$500K TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT. ANY CONTRACTURAL COMMITMENT INCURRED THIS YEAR WITH FY 75 FUNDS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO LONG LEAD HARDWARE AND A MINIMUM SUSTAINED PERSONNEL CAPABILITY WITHOUT COMMITTING TO A PROCUREMENT OF THE TWO MAPPING CAMERAS. PRESENTLY WE DO NOT EXPECT DEFINITIVE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE FY 76 BUDGET UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR; THEREFORE, A DEFINITIVE CONTRACT FOR ACQUISITION OF THE FOLLOW-ON MAPPING CAMERAS MUST BE DELAYED UNTIL THAT TIME. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD HAVE A FAIR INDICATION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE BUDGET REQUEST WILL ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTY DURING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS BY THE END OF

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4. AFTER ASSURING THAT THE FOLLOW-ON MAPPING CAMERA ACQUISITION IS PROTECTED THROUGH FY-75, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT ANY REMAINING FUNDS WITHIN THE \$500K IN SUPPORT OF THE PAN MODIFICATION STUDY.

5. PROTECTING THE FOLLOW-ON ITEK MAPPING CAMERA CAPABILITY MAY PROVIDE ITEK ENGINEERING MANPOWER AVAILABILITY. IF WITHIN THIS LEVEL YOU ARE ABLE TO INITIATE DESIGN WORK FOR THE 20 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE MAPPING CAMERA FILM CAPABILITY, IT MAY BE AUTHORIZED. HOWEVER, DMA HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY FY 75 FUNDS FOR THIS EFFORT. THEREFORE, ANY EFFORT THAT IS INITIATED MUST NOT CARRY ANY COMMITMENT TO ACTUALLY INCORPORATE THE CHANGE.

6. WHEN THE ABOVE PLANS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED, SP SHOULD SUBMIT FUND REQUIREMENTS BY LINE ITEM, APPROPRIATION AND COLOR OF FUNDS REQUIRED. YOUR APPROVED PROGRAM WILL NOT BE FORMALLY INCREASED UNTIL THAT TIME. HOWEVER, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INCUR OBLIGATIONS UP TO THE \$500K CEILING.

7. BY 1 MAY 1975, REQUEST YOU IDENTIFY THE JULY THRU SEPTEMBER 1975 FUND REQUIREMENTS TO CONTINUE THE PROTECTION OF THE FOLLOW-ON MCS'S FOR SW-17 AND 18. AT THE SAME TIME, REQUEST YOU REVALIDATE THE FY-76 THRU FY-80 BUDGET REQUIREMENT FOR THE TWO

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MCS'S, SHOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR FULLY FUNDED AND FOR INCREMENTALLY FUNDED PROCUREMENT.

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