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SUBJECT: KH-9 Metric Capability

Mr. Plummer has seen.

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SAF/US (Mr. Plummer)

1. As the Air Force Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for Mapping, Charting and Geodesy (MC&G) I continue to be concerned for the satisfaction of very exacting target positioning requirements to support tactical and strategic operations. To this end I maintain a continuous dialogue with the Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) whose task it is to satisfy these Air Force requirements.
2. I have followed with great interest the various studies and proposals to provide the DMA with satellite photographic source material of sufficient metric quality and resolution to meet these requirements. I have recently asked for and received a series of briefings on the best approach to optimize satellite MC&G collection to meet these stringent Air Force requirements.
3. The prospects of a system that could provide rapid, high resolution, and metrically accurate coverage with a single camera is a very exciting concept to me. A Stand Alone Pan (SAP) System not only could satisfy all present MC&G requirements but also would provide necessary support to advanced tactical and strategic weapon systems now in development, both in target positioning and in various forms of operational point positioning data bases. A distinctive advantage of the SAP is in the possibility of acquiring a high quality source material data base by which the KH-11 could be optimized.
4. I know you will receive detailed technical briefings on the advantages and benefits of the Stand Alone Pan. However, I wish to express my interest and urge the immediate implementation of this approach.

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