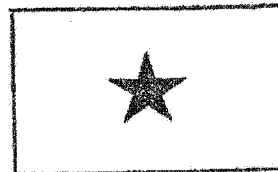


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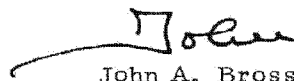
The Honorable Alexander Flax  
Director  
National Reconnaissance Office

Dear Al:

I am enclosing the USIB action on mapping, charting and geodesy requirements for image forming satellites. My understanding of the net effect of Dick Helms' signature on these papers is stated in my covering memorandum to him, a copy of which I enclose.

It occurred to me that you might like to have a look at these papers before final dissemination within USIB. Obviously we want to make them as responsive as possible to your needs. If, therefore, you feel there is different or additional action that the intelligence community can take, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
John A. Bross

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: USIB Paper on Mapping and Charting Requirements for Image Forming Satellites

## 1. The net effect of signing the annexed USIB paper is:

a. To approve in general terms the Army requirement for a satellite system which collects data necessary to produce maps with a high degree of locational accuracy. (The system is supposed to provide a vertical location accuracy within ten meters.)

b. To qualify this approval (see Jack Smith's memorandum) by saying that the intelligence community is not in a position to state whether it is worth spending several million dollars to satisfy this requirement. This is essentially a military judgment to be made in the Defense Department.

c. That our approval of the proposal to incorporate the necessary equipment in HEXAGON to do this mapping and charting is subject to our understanding that incorporation of this system in HEXAGON will not degrade HEXAGON's primary intelligence function.

2. I have advised Al Flax that the foregoing is the position which I am recommending. Al believes that this would be helpful to him and agrees that this is a sensible thing for us to do.

JOHN A. BROSS  
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