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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

February 4, 1974

MR. PLUMMER

Even though your visit is cancelled for today this may be useful for some future visit to NPIC.

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(S) NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

February 4, 1974



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLUMMER

SUBJECT: Visit to NPIC

You are scheduled to have an informal discussion with Mr. Hicks at NPIC on February 4. Here are some topics of conversation you may find useful for your discussion:

a. NPIC's role in studying the information contained in imagery which through analysis can divulge satellite sensor system parameters.

We had NPIC study this. Their briefing indicated that much system-oriented data are available through the analysis of the imagery itself. We have asked them to do another study which accounts for our desire for protecting certain parameters and which will see how much imagery would be released under those conditions at the SECRET level.

b. NRO financial support.

We financially support analysis work done by NPIC with Eastman Kodak which is associated with processing techniques, chemicals and the like.

c. SPPF phasedown.

In conjunction with the Westover closing, the evaluation function will be transferred to NPIC. Mr. Duckett is in support of this effort.

d. Near-Real-Time Imagery.

With the advent of KH-11 inputs, NPIC will undergo considerable change in its operation. Mr. Hicks can brief you on the extent of planning activities.

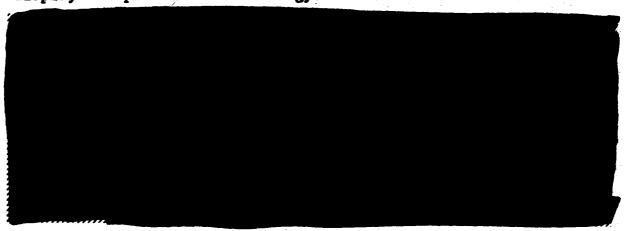
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e. Enhancement of Photo-Interpreting.

NPIC is doing some work relative to increasing the data handling capabilities of the P.I. through interactive display and production technology.



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