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MEMORANDUM FOR TCO/DOD (COLONEL CAPPELLETTI)

SUBJECT: Satellite Camera Manuals.

Referencing item 6 of your January 15, 1969 Information Letter No. 10 to all DOD/TCOs, a serious misconception may develop regarding security (access) policies on satellite camera manuals.

With the support of DIA and NPIC, access to satellite camera manuals has been limited expressly to individuals having a very direct and specific "must know." Essentially, these manuals are for on-the-job PI's and analysts. Your information letter could give the impression that the documents are available to a larger audience than we intend.

We will not, of course, restrict access if a specific need exists, particularly within those organizations directly involved in satellite photographic interpretation and analysis. At the same time, it is essential that the manuals not be available as advertised within the overall TALENT-KEYHOLE system to personnel involved in the general field of strategic uses of earth sensors or interpretation.

We need your help in enforcing specific "must know" for these documents. Specifically, please ask your staff to take these actions:

1. Make sure that all access to KH Manuals continues to be handled on a registry basis, providing a permanent record of all persons granted access.
2. Make sure that any Manuals provided to the "community" on other than a very strict "must know" basis are recalled at once.

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3. Publish a notice in your next information letter clarifying access policy for KH Manuals. It might be worded as follows:

"Satellite camera manuals are available only to personnel authorized access after a specific "must know" has been validated. Must-know is restricted to those people who cannot work effectively in satellite analysis or interpretation without knowing camera system specifications. Essentially this means a limited group within the analyst/interpreter community. A permanent record must be maintained of all personnel granted access to these manuals."

  
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