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FOR DELIVERY TO COMIREX MEMBERS OPENING OF BUSINESS  
25 MARCH 1969

FOLLOWING MEETING 24 MARCH WITH REPRESENTATIVES  
MAPPING COMMUNITY, WPNPIC, DIA, CIA AND SECURITY, THIS OFFICE  
IS CONVINCED OF NEED TO APPRIZE ELEMENTS MENTIONED IN  
FOLLOWING DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF CONCERNING KH-9. ONE POINT  
MADE QUITE CLEARLY IS THAT LEAD TIME FROM NOW TO FIRST KH-9  
FLIGHT IS ABOUT ADEQUATE AND FURTHER DELAYS IF MEASURED IN  
TERMS OF MONTHS COULD BE EXTREMELY COSTLY. FOLLOWING  
DRAFT MEMORANDUM WOULD BE FROM CHAIRMAN, COMIREX, TO  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

"1. BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL FACTORS OUTLINED BELOW,  
IT IS NECESSARY TO PROCURE YOUR APPROVAL FOR THE RELEASE OF  
CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE KH-9 SYSTEM TO THE BRITISH,  
CANADIANS, AUSTRALIANS, AND TO THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

"2. THE KH-9 SYSTEM WILL REPLACE THE KH-4 AS THE  
INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY'S ONLY RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEM PROVIDING  
LARGE AREA COVERAGE. THE PRODUCT OF THE KH-9 SYSTEM WILL  
THEREFORE BE USED IN MAP MAKING IN VERY MUCH THE SAME WAY  
THAT THE KH-4 IS USED TODAY. WITH YOUR APPROVAL, MAPPING  
AUTHORITIES IN THE DOD HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED THE BRITISH  
AND CANADIANS IN PRODUCTIVE MAPPING ROLES BASED  
ON CURRENTLY AVAILABLE I-KH PHOTOGRAPHY AND INTEND TO  
WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AUSTRALIANS. THE U.S.  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HAS ALSO BEEN AUTHORIZED TO USE KH-4  
INFORMATION IN THE PRODUCTION OF MAPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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"3. THE UNUSUAL CONFIGURATION OF THE KH-9 PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE LARGE VOLUME OF PHOTOGRAPHY TO BE PRODUCED BY THIS SYSTEM HAVE MADE IT NECESSARY FOR THE ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPLOITING KH-9 PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE UNITED STATES, BOTH FOR INTELLIGENCE AND MAPPING, TO BEGIN THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT DESIGNED ESPECIALLY TO EXPLOIT KH-9. SUCH PROCUREMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUED AND EFFICIENT USE OF T-RK WHEN THE KH-9 REPLACES THE KH-4. IF THE BRITISH JOINT AIR RECONNAISSANCE INTELLIGENCE CENTER (JARIC) IS TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE AND EXPLOIT OUR MAIN TALENT-KEYHOLE PRODUCTS AS IT DOES TODAY, THEY TOO MUST RECEIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE KH-9 PHOTOGRAPHY IN ORDER TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR ITS EXPLOITATION.

"4. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU AUTHORIZE RELEASE ON A STRICT NEED - TO - KNOW BASIS OF INFORMATION ON THE KH-9 SYSTEM, ALREADY RELEASED IN THE UNITED STATES COMMUNITY AT THE TALENT-KEYHOLE LEVEL, TO THOSE INTELLIGENCE AND MAPPING AUTHORITIES IN THE UK, CANADA, AND AUSTRALIA WHO MUST HAVE THESE DATA IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF KH-9 PHOTOGRAPHY.

"5. IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT YOU APPROVE THE RELEASE OF THE SAME TALENT-KEYHOLE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE KH-9 SYSTEM TO THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HAS ALSO ASKED PERMISSION TO RECEIVE KH-5, KH-7, AND KH-8 PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE IT PROVIDES A VALUABLE SUPPLEMENT TO THE KH-4 PHOTOGRAPHY ALREADY BEING USED. THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REQUEST APPEARS TO BE A REASONABLE ONE, AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU APPROVE RELEASE OF THIS MATERIAL AS WELL."

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