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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

January 29, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. FLAX

SUBJECT: Naval Oceanographic Office Participation in an ARGO
SubcommitteeProblem:

To determine the desirability of Naval Oceanographic Office participation in an ARGO Subcommittee.

Background:

Don Steininger has a group working on Phase IV of the ARGO plan. This is the phase in which ARGO moves from "Look what is available to us " to "What do we really need?"

Present Status:

Don has written a letter to you (see Tab A) requesting your concurrence in having representatives of the Naval Oceanographic Office advise Phase IV ARGO on the applicability of satellite photography to the marine sciences. Specifically, he would like to have "Captain T. K. Treadwell and his people give advice and support to our working group."

Discussion:

The immediate question which comes to mind is, "Why is Don asking DNRO approval of this kind of support?" It turns out that the Navy -- and Don -- have felt that the restrictions imposed on service representatives in the earth-sensing area are substantially more severe than is actually the case. I have explained to Don that the

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restrictions to supporting other organizations are directed specifically toward NASA. In addition, even if the restrictions were applied to ARGO (and they are not), your letter of May 15 to Dr. Seamans (Tab B) is very liberal and specifically approves the investigation of "how imagery derived from overhead sensors can be used to determine information of scientific interest about the oceans and waters of the world..."

Don still feels he wants and needs your coordination.

Recommendation:

That you sign the attached letter to Don, concurring in Navy participation in ARGO IV.

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