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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE (NRO)

SUBJECT: Briefing of NASA Officials

Reference: Memorandum of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, subject: Department of Defense Needs for Earth Sensing Satellites, dated 30 August 1965.

The Army has recently completed a contract to determine the feasibility of deriving military geographic and related engineering data from the 3-inch DAFF satellite photography.

The contract resulted in a photomosaic of the continent of Africa, from which highly successful studies on surface configuration, surface water, engineering geology, surface materials, vegetation, cultural features and climatology were made. The results have been presented to Army staffs, DIA and STRICOM. Requirements for this information are increasing as its significance becomes apparent to prospective users.

Planning is now underway by NASA to undertake development of these type studies, using satellite photography, at vast expense to the government. As an attempt to reduce this costly duplication of effort, we propose that the Administrator and/or Deputy Administrator of NASA be briefed on the success of the DOD studies.

Brigadier General Stewart of your office was briefed on this project, in your behalf, on 10 August 1966 and we understand he presented the above information to you. In accordance with the referenced memorandum, authority is requested to brief the NASA officials, as agreed to in our discussion of 15 August 1966.

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