

MEMORANDUM FOR: ADDI

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I think you should be aware of this. I think my sentiments are self-apparent. My intention is to do all that is possible to avoid making decisions now which we will later come to regret. I know that it is ultimately intended to have a collocated P/F and exploitation facility and that we must plan on something less in the early stages of EOI. I think this is just plain wrong.

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31 March 1971
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30 March 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Hicks
Executive Director, NPIC

SUBJECT : EOI Planning

1. I believe the SOP implied by the assumptions set forth in NPIC's draft statement of 23 March (BYE 3129-71) should be considered premature and "worst-case" and be adopted only as a last resort.

2. I believe that a systematic study of the EOI collection system, exploitation facilities and needs, and the nature of intelligence requirements would show the collocation of the P/F and NPIC to be overwhelmingly cost-effective and compelling in the meeting of intelligence needs. To plan, at this stage, on a remote P/F with quick-scanning PI's is to settle for a prospect of inadequate exploitation which would lose the advantages of (a) fast comparison of EOI photos with material from other systems; (b) scanning in a central facility where a large pool of expert PI's exist; and (c) ready access to an exploitation data base.

3. I believe DOD authorities would be unlikely to agree with the implied SOP and the assumptions and I believe their approval is necessary before hardening any planning along this line.

4. In sum, the opportunity we have to plan a meaningful community exploitation system geared to the collection system is too good to lose. In the absence of a systematic study of alternatives, I cannot approve of the assumptions listed.

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5. Para 4 of the NPIC draft implies that all [redacted] scenes must be scanned in the P/F to "reprogram the next pass of the satellite which produced this imagery." This may be too much to expect. Any quick-scan unit might more logically use sampling techniques to make judgments on this score, leaving it to fuller assessment to determine specific collection needs, even with some sacrifice in time.

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