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MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR COYLE

SUBJECT: Comments on the Federal Mapping Task Force Report

In replying to CFB it is recommended that the following subjects be addressed:

a. Incomplete Civilian Community Requirements. The FSA concept represents a commendable distillation of mapping, charting and survey requirements but cannot be construed to represent all civilian requirements which had been previously received through the ARGC or COMIREX channels. Before we can size the complete support to the civilian community, it would appear to be appropriate to encourage the early establishment of the Requirements Coordinating Group (Elliott Paper) which will be associated with the ICCERSP and will be responsible for requirements consolidation.

b. USGS Requirements. The current USGS requirements have been approved by USIB and are being included in normal NRC collection plans. Over the years, we have worked out a very satisfactory agreement with USGS/COMIREX and we would expect the FSA needs to be a closely paralleling expansion of the USGS requirement. We plan to satisfy these requirements utilizing the film allocation approved by ICRS and by the use of engineering, research and development, and training operations of NRP satellites and aircraft over the areas of interest. While satellites will probably satisfy some 90% or more of the requirement, judicious application of suitable airborne camera systems will augment the satellite collection program. Airborne systems would normally be used on time sensitive requirements or where the use of satellites would be inefficient. The integrated operation of all collection platforms leads to the same efficiency in collection as is being proposed for federal mapping and survey.

c. Collection Responsibility. The NRO is the only agency tasked with the collection discussed in paragraph b above and consequently should control any subsequent collection effort by DCE collection platforms. Collection would be coordinated with NRP collection and tasking of appropriate DCE assets would be made on a non-interference basis with their normal operations.

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e. FSA Requirement Impact. While the FSA requirements have been expressed in only the most general form, we can use the unsatisfied USCS requirements to estimate the effort needed to complete a data base and

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