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September 9, 1966

**MEMORANDUM FOR DR. FLAX**

**SUBJECT: Discussion with Admiral Boone re Sep 12 MEFTC Meeting**

Admiral Boone had some suggested changes to the August 20 paper you sent Dr. Seamans on "DOD-NASA Coordination of the Earth Resources Survey Program." Admiral Boone hoped to secure your concurrence in these modifications prior to the Sept 12 meeting.

The specific changes proposed by Admiral Boone, keyed to your Aug 20 paper (Tab C, attached folder), plus my comments to him about them are as follows:

1. Page 1, Section 1, General Objective: Add the following statement: "(See Report of NEAM 156 Ad Hoc Committee, dated July 11, 1966. TOP SECRET... I did not feel there would be any objections to this addition.)"

2. Page 3, Section 3, Control Measures: Add the following to the last paragraph of Section 3: "(The NEAM 156 Ad Hoc Committee will remain available for consultation concerning possible political or security issues which might arise.)" I did not feel there would be any particular objection to this addition.

3. Page 3, Section 5, Functions of the MEFTC Related to NERSP: Insert the following new paragraph b and renumber the old 5.b and 5c accordingly: "When the requirement for improved sensor capabilities in the NERSP has been established by a user agency, and as the known state-of-the-art advances and sensors of improved performances become operational in the NRP, review the limiting criteria governing the use of sensors in the NERSP and, if appropriate, make suitable recommendations to move the prescribed threshold of performance toward more precise ground resolutions.".....I indicated some concern over the words but felt the intent was reasonable.

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**4. Page 7, Section 7. Specific Guidelines, Criteria, and Ground Rules for the Conduct of NERP: Add the following new paragraph 7f on page 7 and renumber old 7f through 7l accordingly: "Regular review of NERP data will be made by representatives of SACG for purpose of: (1) determining if detailed analyses should be made by cleared NSA personnel as a guide for NERP planning; and/or (2) recommending to NEFPC that the Director of Central Intelligence be requested to reclassify or declassify those data applicable to NERP.".....Although I did not indicate any particular concern over this paragraph at the time Admiral Boone and I discussed it, upon further reflection, it seems at least partially redundant with the present para 7g. Further, the words "NERP data" in the proposed 7f need clarification and part (2) regarding the DCI and classification needs clarification if it is to remain therein. Probably, the intent is acceptable.**

**If you have any thoughts on these proposed changes prior to the NEFPC meeting, please advise and I will relay them to Admiral Boone.**

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**P.S. There were a few other very minor editorial-only changes which were not significant.**

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