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**THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301**

12 January 1967

The Honorable Charles L. Schultze
Director, Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Charlie:

In response to your proposal of 9 September 1965, and in consonance with the Terms of Reference which were jointly approved on 9 October 1965, the final report of the Joint Imagery Interpretation Review Group has been completed and we have approved its recommendations.

The areas of investigation set forth in your letter have been carefully examined. Comprehensive inventories of imagery interpretation organizations serving national needs have been completed and the areas of overlap and duplication have been identified. The various requirements for departmental and national level resources have been collectively reviewed and definitive plans for tasking imagery interpretation resources on a non-duplicative basis have been devised. The approved recommendations will also provide for more effective coordination of the national and departmental research and development programs which are directed toward improving or automating imagery interpretation.

Among the major actions which will be taken are the implementation of the "National Tasking Plan for the Exploitation of Multi-Sensor Imagery;" the identification of the U.S. Intelligence Board as the authority responsible for monitoring and coordinating implementation of the Plan; and the adoption of a new methodology for computing uniformly the imagery interpreter resources of organizations serving national needs.

The approved time phasing schedule for implementing the Review Group's recommendations is attached. You will note that full implementation of the complete program will take considerable time and is dependent upon the availability of added funds and personnel to the CIA and the DoD for this purpose. The imagery interpretation resources required for the FY 67-71 period, however, are appreciably less than previously estimated.

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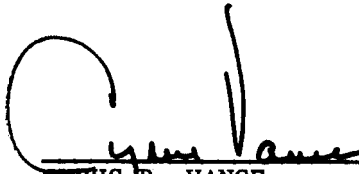
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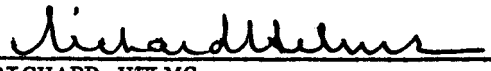
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We are convinced that adherence to the principles, concepts and methodology will make a significant contribution in satisfying the U.S. intelligence demands required of imagery interpretation. Under separate cover, we are forwarding to you the final results of this comprehensive and constructive interagency effort.

Sincerely,


CYRUS R. VANCE
Deputy Secretary of Defense


RICHARD HELMS
Director of Central Intelligence

1 Enclosure
Time-Phasing Schedule

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TENTATIVE TIME-PHASING SCHEDULE

- I. ESTABLISHMENT OF BASIC AUTHORITY (0 - 1 Month)
 1. Approval of JIRG Report Recommendations
 2. Promulgation of National Tasking Plan

- II. ORGANIZATION OF USIB INSTRUMENTALITY (0 - 4 Months)
 1. Coordination and Promulgation of Proposed DCID No. 8/1
 2. Staffing of Committee and Subcommittee
 3. Operation and Staffing of the Executive Secretariat

- III. INITIAL PLANNING (0 - 6 Months)
 1. National Imagery Exploitation Target Base
 2. Program for Planning the Exploitation of Reconnaissance Imagery
 3. National Data Base of Image-Derived Information
 4. Provisional Specifications for Basic Support Exploitation

- IV. SELECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION (6 - 12 Months)
 1. Formulation and Validation of Exploitation Needs
 2. Initiation of Basic Reporting
 3. Initiation of Imagery Interpretation Key Production
 4. Coordination of R&D Requirements

- V. PROMULGATION OF FUNCTIONAL AND TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (6 - 18 Months)
 1. National Data Base of Image-Derived Information
 2. Basic Support Exploitation

- VI. WARTIME PLAN FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF MULTI-SENSOR IMAGERY (12 - 18 Months)

- VII. FULL IMPLEMENTATION (12 - 18 Months. Timing contingent upon availability of added funds and personnel)

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