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24 June 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Procurement Division, Office of Logistics

ATTENTION: Chief, Contract Settlement Section

SUBJECT: [redacted] TO #3, Intention not to File  
an Application for Patent

REFERENCE: OL/PD/CSS Memorandum Dated 24 May 1966

1. It is felt the Government should not file a patent application for a "System for Electronically Processing Photographic Images." The invention as outlined by [redacted] is unique only in the fine details. The general principles of the invention have been suggested by many people.

2. In the study [redacted] is completing for the NPIC, they have shown no significant gains by combining positive and negative masking while making photographic prints. Simple negative masking gives limited improvement to the photographic print, and [redacted] is leading the field in equipment and designs for utilizing this technique. It is felt this invention will not yield any significantly better results than the commercially available Log-Etronics printer.

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Colonel, USAF  
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