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1. [redacted] related to [redacted] the background and current status of the Electrocolor Material Study and the prospects for other color exploitation by NPIC.

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2. [redacted] was not aware that the lack of support and vision by Headquarters, Langley, with respect to color exploitation, was as dismal as is indicated by the attachments.

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3. [redacted] recommended that NPIC retain the color project and fight it through since it is basically NPIC's responsibility to provide such exploitation. He could not fund it nor could he take the project over. NRO will support whenever and wherever possible. The Electrocolor project should not be given to DoD, but their support should be sought in some manner such as noted in subsequent paragraphs.

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4. [redacted] recommended immediate action to obtain an operational color interneegative; select certain targets then deliver them to Westover for processing in false color on the Electrocolor printer now operational there. The product would then be used on a series of NPIC briefing boards. On the basis of the success of the briefing board prints, further action could then be taken; such as (1) brief COPE and explain the current color dilemma (2) NPIC influence the community through COPE/COMEX to lay on a task for COMOR to photograph in color certain operational target areas. The requirement must be operational, but upon receipt of a negative, NPIC, (using Westover facilities) could then use it to produce a limited number of false color prints for timely exploitation, experiment, and study.

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5. As a matter of interest, NRO has color mission materials now ready for operational flights [Redacted] but has no requirements (or task from COMOR) to fly them. [Redacted] would like to use those missions but has no way of getting the requirements through COMOR at the present time and evidently would like to go forward with these operational missions. [Redacted] stated that to get any further development in color we must use color. The Community must decide whether color missions are required and useable.

6. In order to set up the coordination between NPIC, NRO and Westover, NRO would arrange for the printing of the briefing materials with Westover and would be the intermediary for communications between the three offices. A monitor from NPIC would be responsible for the task given to Westover.

7. [Redacted] thinks the Electrocolor process has potential and could be very important and he expressed disappointment that the project was not under way. The project does indeed have a likelihood of breakthrough.

8. The national community can pull NPIC through if NPIC demonstrated the value of this project (or similar projects). The first step in this instance would be the printing, by electrocolor process, false color prints for experiment and briefing purposes as outlined above.

9. [Redacted] suggested that there should be more coordinated efforts of exploitation by members of the community; specifically, certain selected NPIC sponsored projects should be made known by straightforward presentations, then serious support by other production centers could be forthcoming when needed.

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