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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant for Plans & Development, NPIC

SUBJECT: Comments Concerning the Information/Material Handling Systems Program


REFERENCE: a. Memorandum NPIC/P&DS-370-65 dated 13 October 1965
b. Memorandum PAG/M-1025-65 dated 23 September 1965

1. The Photographic Analysis Group agrees that there exists within NPIC an urgent requirement for a review and probably revision of its entire information processing system. The PAG recommendation concerning this subject is contained in reference (b), a copy of which is attached. However, we can not endorse, at this time, a Government sponsored research and development program in the field of information/material handling as it relates to imagery exploitation processes as proposed in reference (a). This position is predicated on several factors as follows:

a. This problem is too important to be coordinated on a crash basis with a one or two day deadline as proposed in your cover memorandum (reference a).

b. The proposal presented in reference (a) appears to be in obvious conflict with an Information Processing Division proposal on System Analysis. In the opinion of PAG, a Systems Analysis should be conducted prior to launching a program such as proposed in reference (a). Certain important in-house actions are necessary prior to any system analysis and, again, these actions are outlined in reference (b). Any program of system analysis and development must be based upon a Comprehensive System Plan which remains to be established. The Plan must be designed to provide total support to the NPIC's national Mission.

It is imperative that this planning be accomplished by experienced NPIC personnel who are relieved of their normal tasks and responsibilities and able to devote full time to the design of this Comprehensive System Plan. A suggested composite planning group is listed in the last paragraph of reference (b).



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Attachments:

1. NPIC/P&DS-370-65
2. PAG/M-1025/65

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