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10 July 1968

Mr. William A. Vogely  
Assistant Director  
Mineral Resource Evaluation  
U. S. Bureau of Mines  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Vogely:

The United States Intelligence Board has recently approved a long-range production plan for the National Intelligence Survey Program which emphasizes the increasing requirement that scheduled NIS elements directly support U. S. national security planning. This underscores the importance of timely and efficient production and processing of scheduled NIS units.

As you are aware, the Bureau of Mines' contributions to the NIS over the years have lagged seriously behind contracted schedules (see attachment). Although the end-of-year backlog due OEGI was virtually eliminated 3 years ago and the annual new commitment has been successively reduced on two occasions since, the overdue portions of the program have again reached an unacceptable level. Indeed, as of today only 4 of the 14 units scheduled for delivery in FY 1968 have been received, and 6 units from FY 1966 and 1967 are still further overdue. This situation is made more distressing by the fact that on many occasions during the past year I and senior members on my staff, in discussions with your NIS coordinators, had not only expressed concern over the lagging production but had emphasized the priority importance of fulfilling the FY 1968 scheduled commitment. It was agreed, if necessary, to have the Bureau complete the FY 1968 schedule at the expense of delaying processing of the carryovers from previous years. Mr. Barr's letter of 2 July 1968 notes an all-out effort by his Division to catch up with the NIS backlog during the past winter; yet, not only submissions but joint editorial processings of sections already delivered reflect no resulting speedup in performance but rather greater lags.

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The Bureau of Mines' increasingly alarming record of NIS submissions is of direct personal concern to me as administrator of the NIS Program. It raises serious doubts about the capability of the present organization to perform at the levels required to properly maintain the NIS. Before we proceed with the NIS agreement for FY 1969, I would like to have the opportunity to discuss the production situation with you and to get your assurance that steps can and will be taken by the Bureau to remedy these continuing difficulties and to meet planned schedules for the coming year.

Sincerely,

*(Signed)*

**JAMES A. BRAMMELL**

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**Director**

**Basic and Geographic Intelligence**

**Attachment: As stated**

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