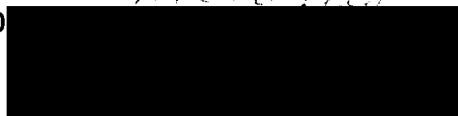


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Dear Bill:

Inclosed is the 1:250,000 scale map sheet of Darien Province prepared under Project RAMP (Radar Mapping of Panama). Imagery was collected with the AN/APQ-97 radar and the area was, as always, completely cloud covered during the collection operation.

Compilation was a rather slow process because of failure of some of the ancilliary collection gear and the necessity to devise substitute techniques and computer programs to simulate the missing airborne recordings.

The sheet has not been field checked and because of the problem mentioned above we do not have a handle on the resulting map accuracy. Nevertheless, we feel that Class B can be attained once the ancilliary collection problem is solved.

Contract arrangements have been completed with Westinghouse to allow them to install the one existing AN/APQ-97 in a Gulfstream aircraft and to offer radar collection services on a contract basis. DOD will have first call on this service and our contracting officer will be advised of any interested customers. We also are close to the award of a contract to Westinghouse for radar collection of first, a test area in the U.S., and then of several perennially cloud covered areas in Latin America.

Let me know if you would like any further information.

Sincerely,

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