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NOTE FOR: Mr. Proctor

Ed,

Attached are copies of the planning documentation for the National Imaging Plan for Satellites (NIPS) which I mentioned to you last night. The package contains an ICS/NRO Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the ICS implementation of the MOA. The MOA has been signed by Sam Wilson and Jim Plummer, and the TOR are in final stages of informal coordination. John Hughes (DIA), Roland Inlow (COMIREX), John Hicks (NPIC), and [Redacted] (IHC) have been closely tied into the development of the TOR. Also, Sayre Stevens now has a copy of these documents. Except for some details, still to be worked out with Roland, they all agree.

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This is for your information, but if you have any comments or suggestions I'd appreciate receiving them.

I plan to run these by the DCI next week prior to issuing the TOR and getting started.

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

SUBJECT: National Imaging Plan for Satellites (NIPS)

1. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement between the D/DCI/IC and the D/NRO is to establish the outline and procedures for the preparation of an annually updated National Imaging Plan for Satellites (NIPS). The NIPS will present the feasible long-range courses of action and short-term options for technology, development, acquisition, operations, and exploitation related to imagery satellite systems. As such the NIPS will provide a cohesive and viable approach toward maximizing the benefits to the ultimate consumer within existing and projected resources. The NIPS will not serve as a substitute for existing decision mechanisms, but will serve as a planning vehicle for the integration of satellite reconnaissance potential into the overall decision framework.

2. Scope

The NIPS will address all imagery activities associated with satellite systems which require community-wide interest and support. The Intelligence Community Staff (ICS) and the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) agree to provide data and studies, prepare draft reports, and carry out community reviews as listed in the NIPS Milestone Schedule (attached). The NRO will assure representation and coordination for NIPS of all activities within the National Reconnaissance Program (NRP). The ICS will assure representation and coordination for NIPS of all other necessary activities within the community.

3. Goals

The initial effort will establish a planning base that includes current and projected requirements, collection and exploitation capabilities, applicable technology, and

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input for a comparative analysis of needs and requirements with current collection and exploitation programmed capability. Technology potentials will be analyzed in terms of degree of satisfaction to fulfill forecast needs and requirements. Alternative courses of action will be developed for collection and exploitation showing required resources, actions, and decision points.

The results of comparative analysis and alternative courses of action will make up the body of the first annual NIPS report, which is scheduled for fall of 1975. The NIPS is to be an annual iterative plan and will respond to changes in the planning base.

4. Responsibilities

The major responsibilities associated with this agreement are listed in NIPS Milestones (attached).

The NRO will have primary action responsibility for assembling the NIPS planning base and the preparation of the NIPS draft report.

The ICS will have primary action responsibility for all inputs not within purview of the NRP (e.g., such as needs, requirements, and exploitation capabilities). The ICS will have primary action responsibility for community review and coordination of final report.

5. Timing Requirements

Associated with the responsibilities discussed above are schedule milestones and requirements for the first annual report goals of the fall of 1975. Tentative timing requirements are also reflected in the NIPS Milestones (attached).

6. Agreement Review

This agreement should be reviewed annually to assure adequacy and viability of the desired product.

James W. Plummer,
Director, NRO

Samuel V. Wilson,
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

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NIPS Milestones

<u>NIPS Milestone</u>	<u>Primary Action Responsibility</u>	<u>Tentative Due Date</u>
I. <u>NIPS PLANNING BASE</u>	NRO	15 Feb.
1. First Draft Intelligence Requirements	ICS	1 Feb.
2. Current and Projected Collection Capabilities	NRO	1 Feb.
3. Current and Projected Exploitation Capabilities	ICS	1 Feb.
4. Technological Planning Base	NRO	1 Feb.
a. Collection	NRO	
b. Exploitation	ICS	
5. Projected Funding Guidelines	NRO/ICS	1 Feb.
II. <u>PREPARATION OF DRAFT REPORT</u>	NRO	15 Aug.
1. Purpose, Objective and Scope	ICS	30 Apr.
2. Description of Entire Satellite Imagery Processes Including Requirements, Collection and Exploitation (Planned Annex of Final Report)	ICS/NRO	15 May
3. Intelligence Needs and Requirements Summary	ICS	15 June
4. <u>Collection Requirements and Capabilities</u>	NRO	1 April
5. <u>Exploitation Requirements and Capabilities</u>	ICS	15 April
6. Current Capabilities and Program	NRO	1 April
7. Analysis of Capabilities and Requirements:	NRO/ICS	1 June

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- 8. Definition of New Options NRO/ICS 1 July
- 9. Summary of Required Actions ICS 1 Aug.
 - a. Community ICS 1 Aug.
 - b. NRP NRO 1 Aug.
- 10. Report Summary ICS 1 Aug.
- III. COMMUNITY REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT ICS 15 Aug--
1 Oct.
- IV. COORDINATION AND CONSIDERATION OF
COMMUNITY COMMENTS, AND FINAL
REVIEW ICS/NRO 15 Oct
- V. PUBLICATION OF FINAL ANNUAL
REPORT ICS 1 November

AD HOC NIPS REQUIREMENTS AND NEEDS GROUPTerms of Reference

1. In accordance with the NIPS memorandum of agreement and with the concurrence of the DCI, an ad hoc NIPS Requirements and Needs Group is established to accomplish the objectives identified below. The group report will be made to the Principal Deputy for Plans, IC Staff as coordinator for the NIPS.

2. The NIPS Requirements and Needs Group will be co-chaired by the Principal Deputy for Planning, IC Staff, and the Chairman of COMIREX. The chair will have an Executive Secretariat composed of an IC member and a COMIREX member who will coordinate the activities of the group for the chair.

3. A Review Panel will be established for the purpose of reviewing the inputs from the COMIREX Staff and the Needs Panel. The Review Panel will have members from ASD/I, NPIC, CIA, DIA, NRO, and State/INR, and others as determined by the D/DCI/IC.

4. Requirements Objectives

a. To establish a requirements base for the NIPS which will make explicit:

(1) Requirements directly related to defense at both the national and tactical level for:

(a) near term requirements; and

(b) long range requirements.

(2) Requirements not directly defense related (non-defense) at both the national and departmental levels for (a) near term requirements; and (b) long range requirements.

b. COMIREX will prepare the requirements input to the Planning Base (See Attachment A). The COMIREX input will make initial use of existing requirements documents such as the Requirements Annex in the ISMS Study. The initial restatement of the requirements will serve as working input to NRO and the Co-Chairmen of NIPS Exploitation and Dissemination Group.

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c. COMIREX will then take the results of studies such as the Search Study (COMIREX), Resolution Study (Director, OSR), MC&G Study (NRO) and the inputs from the Needs Panels and modify the February 1975 Requirements restatement.

5. Needs Objectives

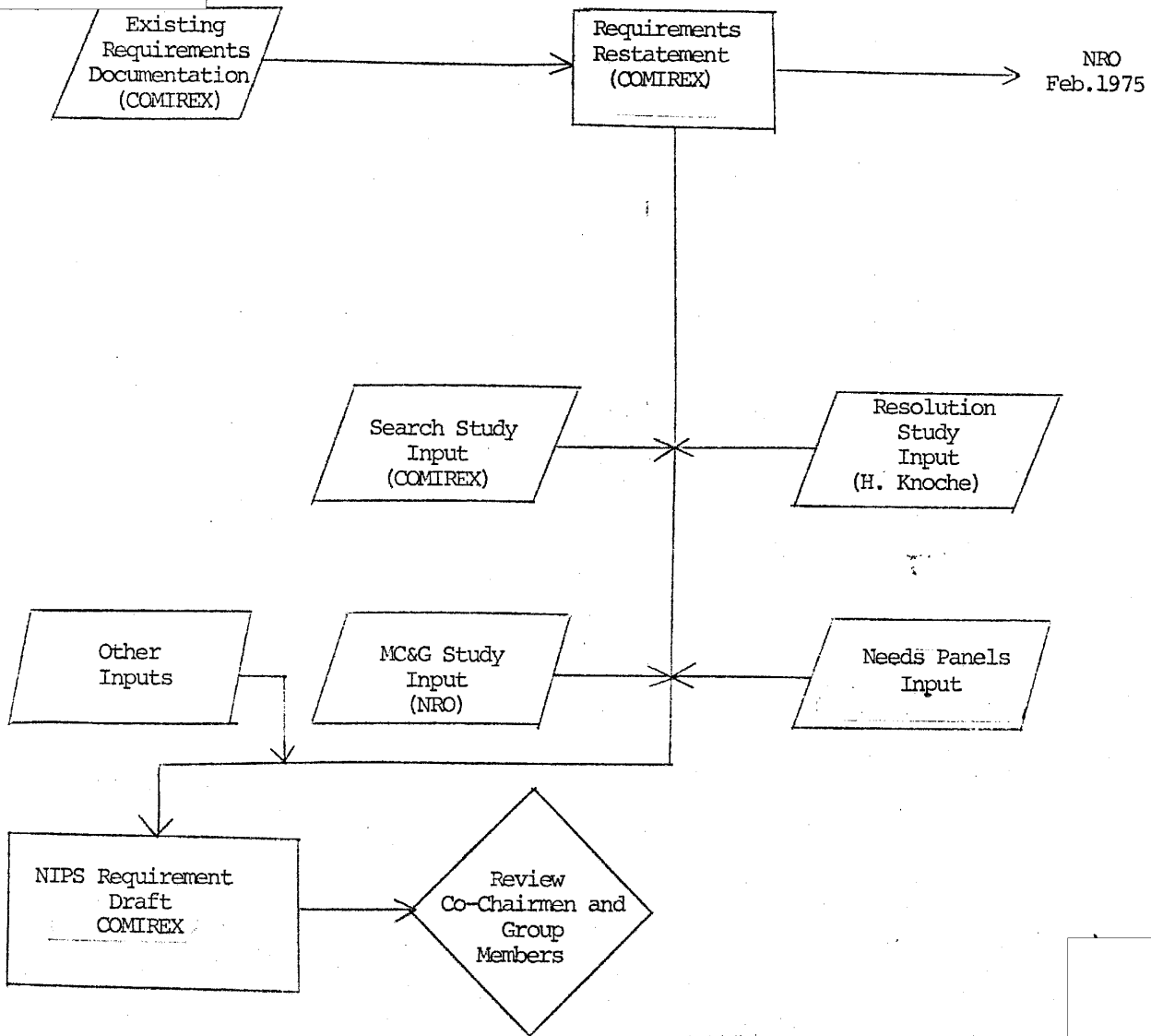
a. To identify unsatisfied and/or future needs and to improve the fundamental understanding of intelligence needs as they relate to the imagery cycle.

b. A Defense Needs Panel will be established under the chairmanship of DIA to accomplish a planning base output consistent with the objectives stated above as they relate to national and tactical military needs

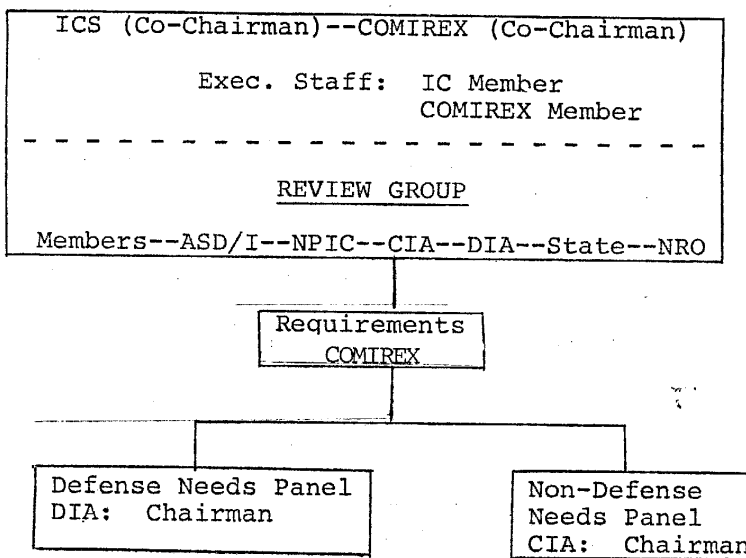
c. A Non-Defense Needs Panel will be established under the chairmanship of CIA to accomplish a planning base output consistent with the objectives stated above as they relate to national and departmental non-defense needs for IMAGERY.

d. The Needs Panel chairman will be responsible to the direction of the Group Co-Chairman and will provide their outputs to COMIREX and the Group Review Panel.

6. The COMIREX Staff will integrate the Needs Panel inputs and COMIREX requirements reports and draft the Intelligence Needs and Requirements Summary for the final NIPS report. The summary will be reviewed by the Co-chairman and the Review Panel.



AD HOC NIPS REQUIREMENTS AND NEEDS GROUP



Members: Army, Navy, Air Force
CIA

Members: DIA
State/INR
Treasury
CIA
NASA

AD HOC NIPS EXPLOITATION AND DISSEMINATION GROUP

Terms of Reference

1. In accordance with the NIPS memorandum of agreement and with the concurrence of the DCI, an ad hoc NIPS Exploitation and Dissemination Group is established to accomplish the objectives identified below. The group report will be made to the Principal Deputy for Plans, IC Staff as coordinator for the NIPS.

2. The Ad Hoc NIPS Exploitation and Dissemination Group will be co-chaired by Mr. John Hicks and [redacted] Chairman of the Intelligence Handling Committee USIB. Members of the group will be from CIA, DIA, State (INR), ASD/I, Chairman, COMIREX, IC Staff, NRO, and others as determined by the D/DCI/IC.

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3. Objectives

a. To establish an Exploitation Planning Base for the NIPS which will make explicit:

- (1) Current and Projected Exploitation Capabilities within the Intelligence Community;
- (2) The Technological Base for Imagery Exploitation;
- (3) Current and Projected Imagery Data Bases and their costs;
- (4) Current and Projected Imagery Dissemination Systems and their costs;
- (5) Current and Projected Distribution of Exploitation products; and
- (6) Funding Guidelines for Imagery Exploitation and Dissemination.

4. Two panels will be established to accomplish the objectives of the group, The Exploitation and Data Base Panel and the Dissemination Panel.

5. The Exploitation and Data Base Panel. This panel will be established under the chairmanship of [redacted] Chairman of the Exploitation Subcommittee of COMIREX to accomplish the input related to objectives 2a (1), Current and Projected Exploitation Programs and Capabilities within

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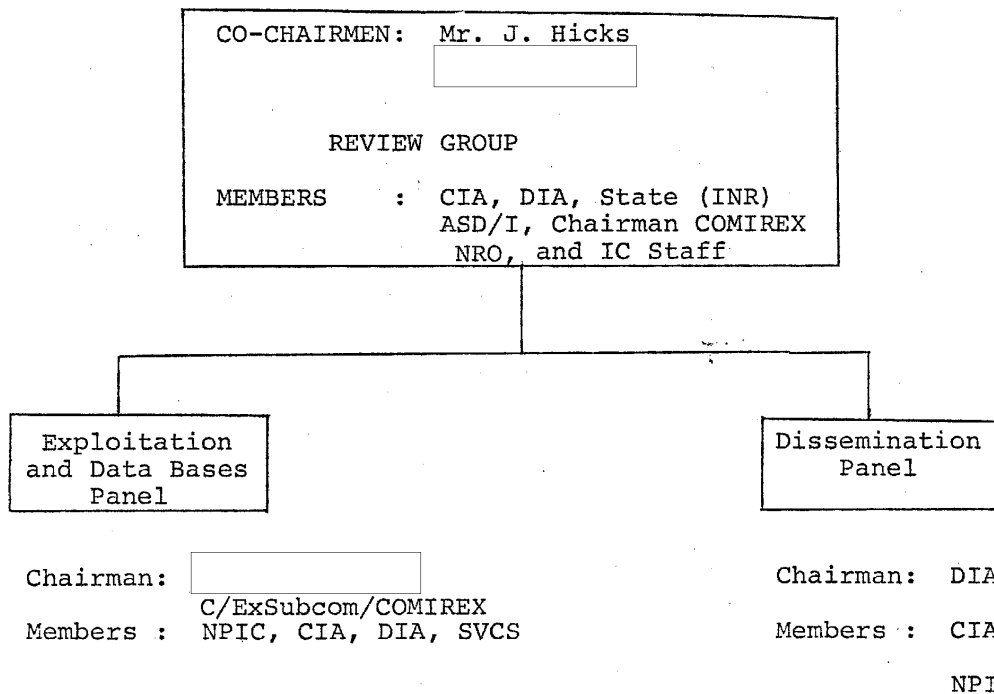
the Intelligence Community; 2a (2), The Technological Planning Base for Imagery Exploitation; 2a (3), Current and Projected Imagery Data Bases and their costs; and 2a (5), Current and Projected Distribution of Exploitation products.

6. The Dissemination Panel. This panel will be established under the chairmanship of DIA to accomplish the objectives in 2a (4), Current and Projected Imagery Dissemination Systems and Their Costs.

7. The input for Objective 2a (6), Funding Guidelines for Imagery Exploitation and Dissemination, will be put together by the co-chairman and reviewed by the Review Panel following receipt of the inputs from the panels described above.

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