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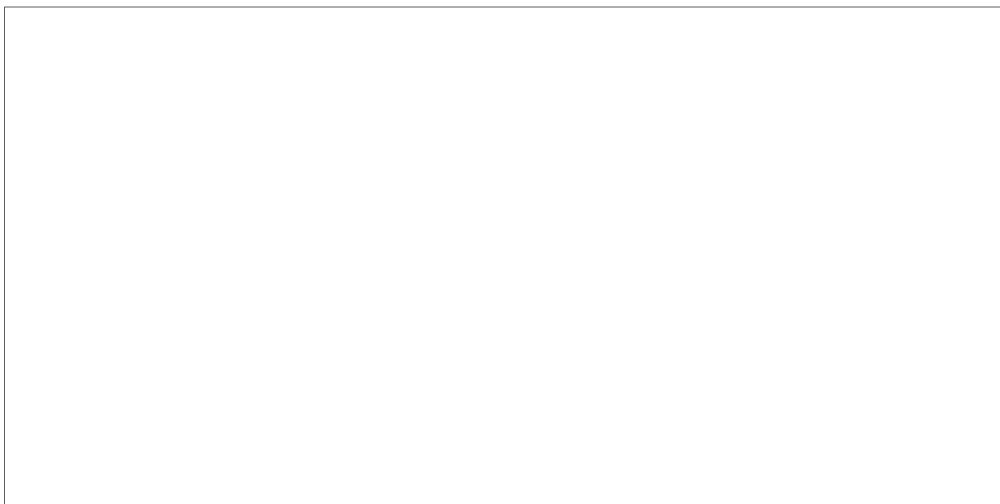
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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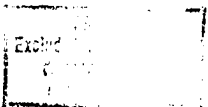
1. Agency participants:



2. This was the first meeting of a reconstituted committee to consider "civilian agencies" use of KH satellite materials, a follow-up of the ARGO exercise of last year.

3.  noted that the President had been informed about the contents of the ARGO Report and the possibilities indicated therein, that the results were exploratory, and that follow-up was planned. The President approves of the course of action.

4. Hornig will write a letter to the participating agencies stating what he thinks purpose of committee is. He will say function is to: (1) collect and consolidate the views and needs of the "civilian agencies" for Ki photography, (2) make these known to the intelligence community, and (3) discuss with the



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intelligence community procedures. The on-going KI intelligence resource can be made use of by the "civilian agencies" under the present rules and security restrictions and it is the purpose of the committee to consider in that light. It is not to be the committee's function to relieve the Agencies of the responsibility for establishing and justifying needs.

5. [] then briefly reviewed the follow-up projects suggested by the participating agencies in the Executive Summary of the ARGO Report, and in the Agencies' responses to Hornig's covering letter to that report. Discussion then went around the table.

6. [] of Transportation (Transportation was not a participant in the previous ARGO exercise) had queries on operations costs, aircraft vs. satellite; would like figures like "cost per square mile per foot ground resolution". [] said the committee should consider, but referred to NASA, which is forming a similar committee and which will be involved with cost. [] remarked that this committee will have its first meeting 16 June. One of its functions will be to consider the impact of the ARGO study.

7. [] briefly reviewed COMIREX organization and procedures for benefit of the group. He remarked on the recent experimental use of Bi-Color, said he would like to have their evaluation, and a briefing was suggested including types of subjects of interest to them which were covered. [] indicated that a briefing would probably be most advantageous to present after our preliminary technical studies were a little further along. [] indicated afterward that he would like to see an indication of areas covered given them, and it was agreed this would be followed by a briefing when feasible. We will have a graphic of potentially useable Bi-Color coverage available for the next meeting).

8. The Agencies then commented on their plans. [] for State/AID reviewed thinking to date and reported meeting with Lundahl last week. They will attempt to have a specific project formulated within three weeks, will check with NPIC as to whether coverage available. A question is whether to opt for historical or current study or combination [] was recommending

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