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To 4: Please consult with #8 re our DCI representation and respond direct with info to ES.

[Signature Box]

Executive Secretary

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Honorable William J. Casey  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The Land Remote-Sensing Commercialization Act of 1984 directed NASA and NOAA to prepare a report on remote-sensing space programs. Specifically, the report is to include the following elements:

- (1) a unified national plan for remote-sensing and development;
- (2) a compilation of progress in the relevant ongoing research and development activities of the federal agencies; and
- (3) an assessment of the state-of-knowledge of the Earth and its atmosphere, the need for additional research, and the opportunities for further progress.

The initial report has been prepared and deals primarily with elements (2) and (3) of the legislation. The report will be submitted to the Congress pending approval by the Office of Management and Budget.

The Congress determined in the 1984 Act that this report would be biennial, and the next report is due July 17, 1987. NOAA and NASA expect the 1987 report to address primarily element (1) of the legislation, which will require thoughtful consideration by not only the federal agencies but all remote-sensing data users, vendors, and processors, as well as technology developers and system developers and operators.

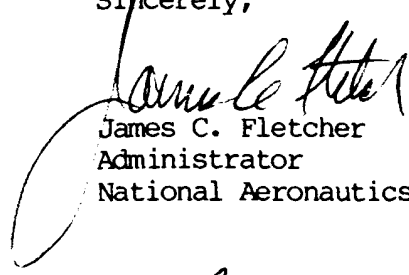
In order to expedite the next phase of this report, we are forming a satellite remote-sensing group and request that you designate one representative and an alternate to be members of this group. Your representative should be cognizant of satellite remote-sensing activities, past, present, and future, including requirements, capabilities, and limitations of remote sensing for both your agency and the community it serves. We request that you provide the name of your designee to Dr. John Theon, Acting Deputy Director of the Earth Science and Applications Division, Code EET, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, in writing by September 30, 1986. Dr. Theon and Mr. John W. Sherman III of NOAA will co-chair the Satellite Remote-Sensing Group. Further questions and



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information requests should be directed to Dr. Theon (453-1680) or Mr. Sherman (763-4326).

Sincerely,

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James C. Fletcher  
Administrator  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

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Anthony J. Calio  
Administrator  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration