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MEMORANDUM FOR: HONORABLE HAROLD BROWN  
 SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

HONORABLE ROBERT M. FROSCH  
 ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
 SPACE ADMINISTRATION

HONORABLE STANSFIELD TURNER ✓  
 DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

FROM: JAMES T. McINTYRE, JR. *Jim*  
 DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Shuttle Operational Management Responsibility

As directed by PD/NSC-42, in the FY 1980 budget review OMB examined Shuttle operational management responsibility as currently planned by the agencies. The only near-term issue identified in this area was the extent to which the Department of Defense plans to make use of facilities at the Johnson Space Center for monitoring Shuttle launch and flight data. In this connection, we understand that DOD is currently studying the possibility of adding a dedicated DOD Shuttle Operations Planning Center to a backup Satellite Test Center. (C)

Because of the potential cost savings from avoidance of redundant Shuttle control facilities, I am requesting that DOD, NASA, and the DCI cooperate with OMB in the conduct of the study to determine whether a joint mission control center or separate DOD and NASA facilities should be used to meet out-year Shuttle mission requirements. DOD should also address the need for a backup facility to the current Satellite Test Center. The study should be completed by August 1, 1979, with an interim report by April 1, 1979. (C)

The request for this study has been coordinated with Dr. Press and Dr. Brzezinski. OMB's contact point in this effort is Mr. Daniel H. Taft, Deputy Associate Director (Special Studies), National Security and International Affairs. I request that you designate a lead person to work with OMB on this study.

Copies to:

- The Secretary of State
- The Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
- Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy, NSIA/SSD

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MEMORANDUM FOR: HONORABLE HAROLD BROWN  
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HONORABLE JUANITA M. KREPS  
 SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

HONORABLE ROBERT M. FROSCH  
 ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
 SPACE ADMINISTRATION

FROM: JAMES T. McINTYRE, JR. (Signed) Jim  
 DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Review of Meteorological and Oceanic Satellite  
 Programs

As directed by PD/NSC-42, during the FY 1980 budget review OMB conducted an interagency crosscutting review of meteorological satellite programs and the ZBB priority ranking of the proposed new start of a National Oceanic Satellite System (NOSS). Concerning the meteorological satellite programs, I have concluded that significant savings appear to be possible from converging the civil and military programs. In this regard, as you know, we are approaching a critical decision period for the selection of next-generation meteorological satellite systems which will be needed by DOD and Commerce for launch by the Space Shuttle in the 1985 time period.

I understand that the Policy Review Committee (Space) is tasked to assess the feasibility and policy implications of program consolidation. In addition, the Polar-Orbiting Operational Meteorological Satellite Control Board (POOMSCB) is proceeding with a study of future system convergence and is expected to have a draft study completed shortly. We will be very interested in reviewing the POOMSCB's assessment of convergence alternatives (covering technical, institutional, cost/benefit, efficiency, and policy issues). Should a single operational management system be directed, the question of timing and which agencies would develop and/or operate such a system would also need to be addressed. The policy guidance of PD/NSC-37 should be considered in developing the options, as should approaches which maximize the cost-effective utilization of the Shuttle (e.g., on-orbit testing, retrieval, and refurbishment). In addition, the study should include the option of consolidating the operational management of the

existing polar-orbiting satellites. I would appreciate it if the draft report on the subjects outlined above could be provided to OMB staff by March 1, 1979, with copies to NSC and OSTP staff and the Integrated Remote-Sensing Task Force.

Pending completion of the ongoing review, I request that the agencies involved not take any steps which might contribute to divergence of the civil and military meteorological programs (e.g., unilaterally committing to acquisition of a particular system for a next-generation polar-orbiting meteorological satellite).

Concerning oceanic satellite programs, during the FY 1980 budget review the proposed initiation of NOSS was deferred for further consideration in the FY 1981 budget review. I am pleased that the participating agencies took the initiative to implement the President's guidance on close coordination among the sectors of the space program. However, we were concerned about the high cost of the project compared with current uncertainty over the project's benefits. In addition, the relative priority of NOSS in the agencies' ZBB ranking was considered, as was the proposed funding arrangements under which NASA would pay most of the project's cost.

If you intend to request funds in the FY 1981 budget for a new oceanic satellite system, I would like you to analyze options to reduce the total cost of the system while still maintaining the most important potential benefits. It would also be very helpful if you would review alternative funding arrangements for NOSS which would increase the proportion of the investment cost paid by the user agencies. A report on the issues outlined above should be submitted to the Integrated Remote-Sensing System Task Force by March 1, 1979, with copies to Dr. Press, Dr. Brzezinski, and myself.

OMB's contact point for these efforts is Mr. Daniel H. Taft, Deputy Associate Director (Special Studies), National Security and International Affairs.

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Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs and Policy



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MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. ROBERT R. FROSCHE, ADMINISTRATOR  
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

FROM: JAMES T. MCINTYRE, JR. (Signed) JIM  
DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Integrated Remote-Sensing Systems Study

As directed by PD/NSC-42, during the FY 1980 budget review OMB conducted for the President a crosscutting review of strategies for the future of our civil remote-sensing efforts. In this connection, the Administration decided to commit to the continuity of remote-sensing data for civil use through the 1980's. However, issues remain on the appropriate technology mix, organizational arrangements, and potential to involve the private sector. I would greatly value your ideas on these issues.

Concerning the appropriate mix of remote-sensing capabilities to meet the priority needs of civilian users in the 1980's, I understand that the Task Force on Integrated Remote-Sensing Systems will examine the relative value and capabilities of aircraft, satellite systems (including classified), and Shuttle-based systems for meeting identified civilian data requirements. We will be interested in reviewing the comparative costs, benefits, and operating efficiencies of the various options in the Task Force's report.

Concerning the organizational issues raised by PD/NSC-42, I would appreciate it if the interagency Task Force on Integrated Remote-Sensing Systems could examine an alternative which would provide for the designation of a single lead agency within the Government that could assume operating responsibilities for future civil remote-sensing activities. The lead agency could, for example, be responsible for:

- aggregating and determining Government-wide priorities for civil remote-sensing information;
- establishing necessary procedures for encouraging private sector involvement in remote sensing, including possible access to classified systems (based on the results of the private sector involvement study recently amalgamated with the Integrated Remote-Sensing Systems Study);

- establishing operational procedures for civilian use of classified systems and technology;
- operating and supervising future dedicated civil remote-sensing systems if and when these become justified;
- implementing appropriate pricing and financing policies for civil remote-sensing activities; and
- establishing appropriate operational procedures for any future international participation in civil remote sensing.

In addition, I have requested that interagency studies on both the meteorological and oceanic satellite programs be provided to the Integrated Remote-Sensing Systems Study by March 1, 1979, for integration into your overall study effort.

I think that by continuing to work together on these issues we can make a great deal of progress this year. This request for your further assistance has been coordinated with Dr. Press and Dr. Brzezinski. OMB's contact point for this effort is Mr. Daniel H. Taft, Deputy Associate Director (Special Studies), National Security and International Affairs.

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