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SUBJECT: Special Materials Support Requirements for MOL

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Air Force
ATTN: AFNINC

1. Your letter of 8 April 1968, subject as above, and the briefings given by Air Force have clearly indicated the MC&G support requirements for the MOL. The system you have advanced for defining a specific image on a Master Photo Chip, preparation of cueing materials and using computer software to provide a WGS position is recognized as a valuable and economical solution to the support of MOL operational activities.
2. As collection systems provide increased detail, the intelligence community is assessing its needs for a large scale coordinated series graphic of target areas and further considering the use of the World Area Grid as a means of identifying areas of various required dimensions. This consideration, together with system analyses being made for storage and retrieval of geodetic data, raise the question of the relationship of such graphical-imagery representations. Further study could indicate a single solution to these problems.
3. As an interim measure, I have directed that DIA support and maintain a separate CIP line item for the resources allocated to ACIC for SENTINEL COPE.
4. With regard to your request that DIA undertake to explore, through the COMIREX, the usefulness of MPC as a tool to the intelligence community, it is my view that initial consideration should be given to this proposal within DoD, together with the problem set forth in paragraph 2 above. Thereafter, the full implications and potential benefits of the resulting MPC could be examined by the COMIREX. Colonel Herndon and Mr. Hughes of DIA have been designated as my action officers for this purpose. As an initial step for the DoD effort, it would appear desirable to meet with your project personnel to define a brief program for investigating and validating the applicability of these newly devised procedures and products to our ongoing reconnaissance and MC&G efforts.

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