

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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Washington, D.C. 20503

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Honorable William T. Pecora  
Under Secretary of the Interior  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Pecora:

I am responding to your recent letter concerning the EROS Data Center near Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

We agree that the time is now appropriate to transfer jurisdiction of the Sioux Falls land to Interior and for General Services Administration to delegate to Interior the authority to enter a long-term lease arrangement for the facility. It is our understanding that the Sioux Falls Industrial and Development Foundation has agreed to finance construction of the facility and that Interior will lease from the foundation with an option to buy. The facility will initially be used only for data reproduction and analysis. Further expansion, including satellite read-out capability, will be contingent on future program decisions.

We assume that the Department will determine the appropriate timing, in light of readiness of plans, to provide for the scale of image reproduction capacity (one million pictures per year) contemplated in the 1972 budget.

The General Services Administration is being informed of these decisions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Donald B. Rice  
Assistant Director

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Honorable Robert L. Kunzig  
Administrator of General  
Services  
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Kunzig:

I have just written to Under Secretary Pecora concerning the proposed EROS Data Center near Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I informed him that we now think the time has come to transfer jurisdiction of the Sioux Falls land from GSA to Interior and to delegate to Interior the authority to enter a long-term lease arrangement for the facility.

I know you will help to assure that these actions are taken on a timely basis.

Sincerely,

/s/

Donald B. Rice  
Assistant Director