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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, EROS Data Center

FROM: Howard W. Warriner
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SUBJECT: Public Law 98-365, the Land Remote Sensing
Commercialization Act of 1984

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Public Law 98-365, the Land Remote Sensing Commercialization Act of 1984 provides for the transition of Landsat operations to private industry. Under the authority of this Act, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has signed a contract with the Earth Observation Satellite Company EOSAT to operate the Landsat system and market Landsat data.

Provisions of the contract require that the U. S. Geological Survey's EROS Data Center (EDC) continue operation of the final data processing, archives, product generation, and distribution portions of the U. S. Landsat Ground system on a cost-reimbursable basis for NOAA. EDC is expected to continue to perform these Landsat services for at least the next two years until EOSAT has completed implementation of their new ground system in the Washington, DC area.

The appropriate provisions of the Department of Commerce/EOSAT contract that apply to EDC's operations shall be used as guidance in carrying out EDC's Landsat functions. As the commercial operator of the program, EOSAT will establish prices for all Landsat products and receive the revenue from all Landsat product sales. You are hereby authorized to transfer all revenue received from the sale of Landsat products to appropriate EOSAT repositories and accounts. NOAA and EOSAT plan to retain representative(s) resident at EDC to work closely with EDC regarding day-to-day operations.

