



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230

JAN 5 1990

Mr. Tony Itteilag
Director, Office of Budget
Department of the Interior
C Street Between 18th & 19th, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Itteilag:

The FY 1990 Appropriations Bill provides \$9.5 million for Landsat 4 and 5 operations. This amount will be sufficient to continue operations through the end of March 1990. In setting this funding level of \$9.5 million, Congress expected user agencies to pay a portion of the cost of operations for FY 1990.

OMB has provided policy guidance to USDA concerning FY 1990 funding for Landsat 4 and 5 operations. OMB has informed us that the Department of the Interior will provide \$.9 million to support the continuation of Landsat operations in FY 1990.

We are writing to you to request that appropriate action be initiated to ensure that this funding is transferred to the Department of Commerce by February 15, 1990. The timely transfer of funds is needed to assure continuation of Landsat operations after March 31, 1990. Our contact for the details covering the transfer of funds is Doug Namian. He can be reached at 763-2610.

Thank you for your assistance once again in helping to ensure the uninterrupted operations of the Landsat system.

Sincerely,

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Alan P. Balutis
Director for Budget, Planning
and Organization



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Honorable Sidney R. Yates
Chairman, Subcommittee on Interior
and Related Agencies
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6023

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Dear Mr. Yates:

The Department of the Interior plans to contribute \$900,000 to the Administration's effort to continue operation this fiscal year of Landsat satellites 4 and 5. In the past, operational funding to support Landsats 4 and 5 data processing and dissemination has been provided to the Geological Survey by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). In fiscal year 1989, we were advised that NOAA did not have sufficient funds to provide for the continued operation of the satellites. As a result, the Department contributed \$700,000 to help support the operation of the satellites. The Departments of Agriculture, Commerce and Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration also made contributions to the support of the satellites in fiscal year 1989. In June, 1989, the Administration announced its intention to continue supporting Landsat satellites 4 and 5 through fiscal year 1990. As in fiscal year 1989, there are insufficient funds budgeted in fiscal year 1990. We are advised that the annual cost in fiscal year 1990 for support of the Landsat program is \$19 million; the shortfall is \$9.5 million.

The Department receives numerous benefits from the data generated by the Landsat satellites. Since 1972, Landsat data have been received, processed, and distributed at the Geological Survey's Earth Resources Observation System (EROS) Data Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Landsat data are also archived at the EROS Data Center.

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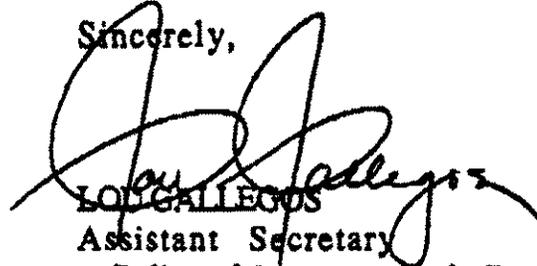
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Other Interior Bureaus which use Landsat data would also contribute small amounts to maintain the funding for Landsat 4 and 5 operations as follows: Bureau of Land Management (\$64,600), Fish and Wildlife Service (\$93,300), National Park Service (\$57,800), and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (\$34,400). Contributions provided by these Bureaus would not result in any adverse impact to programs or activities. The Bureau of Reclamation will add \$47,300 for a total Department-wide contribution of \$900,000.

This letter is being submitted in accordance with the arrangements and understanding the Department has with the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with respect to reprogramming procedures. As provided under those procedures, we intend to proceed with the reprogramming unless we hear from you within 30 days of your receipt of this letter.

A similar letter is being sent to the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, Chairman, Subcommittee on the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies, Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate.

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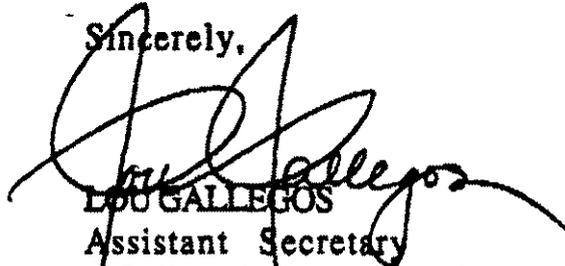
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