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FROM : Principal Applications Scientist, Geology  
EROS Data Center

SUBJECT: Pecora Conference Planning Session at AAPG Annual Meeting  
June 12, 1977.

1. The planning meeting was attended by the following individuals:

- M. Halbouty (General Chairman)
- J. Davidson (Technical Program Chairman)
- W. Fischer (Senior Scientist, EROS Program)
- S. Linville (Meetings & Exhibits Coordinator AAPG)
- J. Taranik (Principal Applications Scientist, Geology, EDC)
- A. Watkins (Chief, EDC)

Mr. Halbouty said that the above individuals would constitute the Executive Committee for the Conference and that Gary Metz (Technical Assistant to Chief, EDC) would be also included. Mr. Halbouty further added that Taranik would be session chairman for the Monday session on current technology.

2. Mr. Halbouty stated that Senators Harrison H. Schmidt and Theodore Stevens had accepted invitations to give addresses at the Conference. Mr. Halbouty added that he had a two hour meeting with Dr. Robert Frosch, new Administrator for NASA, and that in the course of his conversations with Dr. Frosch, the NASA Administrator said that he would consider making the keynote address for the Conference. Mr. Halbouty will also contact Dr. Frosch and will ask him to present the Pecora Award. Mr. Halbouty indicated that Dr. Frosch had a great interest in the EROS Data Center and felt this would be a good time to visit Sioux Falls.

3. Al Watkins said that Al Schock would make an excellent Masters of Ceremonies for the Monday luncheon and the Executive Committee directed Mr. Watkins to contact Mr. Schock and to draft a letter for Mr. Halbouty's signature if Mr. Schock accepts. Mr. Watkins stated that the next meeting of the Landsat Ground Receiving Station Operations Committee would meet in Sioux Falls, three days before the Conference, and that many foreign countries would be represented, so their scientists could attend Pecora III. Mr. Watkins stated that state and government agencies in the four state region surrounding the Data Center would be contacted and that the state Geologists would receive invitations to attend.



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4. Ms. Linville stated that 200 contracts for exhibits had gone out, but only 1 contract had been received. Taranik stated that the Executive Committee and AAPG would have to recruit exhibitors by making them aware of program, the probable number of attendees, and the caliber of attendees, if the exhibits were to be a success. Ms. Linville explained that either party could terminate the contract up to September 1 and that the exhibits could be eliminated if not enough exhibitors responded. Mr. Halbouty stated that a well-logging firm had expressed interest in sponsoring a coffee-bar in the exhibits area.
5. Jon Davidson handed out a list of papers which had been submitted for the technical sessions and the Executive Committee reviewed this list. Mr. Davidson said he would like to keep accepting papers until August 1, 1977. Ms. Linville stated that if abstracts are to be published in time for the Conference she will have to have them from all authors not later than August 1, 1977. Taranik mentioned that authors should know what the abstract and paper formats should be and Mr. Halbouty instructed Ms. Linville to mail 30 AAPG author packets to Mr. Davidson and 6 packets to Taranik at EDC.
6. Taranik asked what form of publication was intended by AAPG and Mr. Halbouty suggested that publication as a AAPG Memoir was expensive and that a transactions volume might be appropriate. Mr. Halbouty stated that he and Jon Davidson would be editors and that they would need technical editorial assistance from EDC. Mr. Watkins stated Bob Reeves would assist. Bill Fischer pointed out that AAPG headquarters (Fred Dix) had agreed to publish the Conference proceedings. Mr. Halbouty indicated he would check with Fred Dix in this regard.
7. The Executive Committee agreed that there would be no complementary registration for authors, session chairman, etc., in accordance with AAPG policy. Complementary registration would be paid for distinguished guests.
8. The subject of tours at EDC was discussed and it was agreed that no tours would be conducted Monday morning and that EDC would come up with a plan for tours.
9. The panel discussion on Wednesday afternoon was discussed and it was agreed that it would be chaired by Mr. Halbouty and the following individuals would be contacted:

Charles Mathews (NASA-JSC)

Robert Kite (Exxon)

Robert McDonald (Consultant)

Jon Davidson (Superior Oil)

Mr. Watkins indicated he would contact Mathews and McDonald.

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