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Dear Dr. Bailey:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I've sent to President Carter urging him to accept the invitation offered by Anthony R. Barringer for him to address the Sixth Annual William T. Pecora Symposium on "The Integration of Remote Sensing into the Exploration Process".

As you can see, I believe there are very good reasons for the President to accept such an invitation. I am pleased you've provided me an opportunity to personally urge the President to do so.

Again, I want you to know how much I enjoyed my visit to the EROS Data Center last week and to have a chance to visit with the Center's employees.

With every good wish I am,

Sincerely,


George McGovern

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was advised during a recent visit to the Earth Resources Observation Satellite Data Center near Sioux Falls, South Dakota, of an invitation you've received to address the Sixth Annual William T. Pecora Symposium on "The Integration of Remote Sensing into the Exploration Process" on April 13-17, 1980, in Sioux Falls.

Whereas the White House issued a directive last November concerning the reorganization of the LANDSAT technologies, data-gathering and information dissemination activities, and whereas such an initiative is a "watershed" in the elevation of such technologies from experimental status to that of a fully operational one, I hope you will give this invitation your closest personal consideration.

I am mindful that your initiative in issuing such a directive coincides with Legislative initiatives of a similar nature. This suggests to me that our national policy in regard to the uses of remote sensing is on the verge of fully recognizing the impressive contributions and strides by our Nation in the last decade to take full advantage of our Nation's singular capabilities in this regard. You would be in an excellent position to utilize this opportunity for a major policy address regarding the direction such technologies and policies will pursue in the decades to come. The 1000 earth scientists and exploration managers in attendance at the seminar would be an outstanding group to hear such a message, representing as they do our Nation's major energy and mineral producing companies, numerous governmental organizations, and many academic institutions.

With every good wish I am,

Sincerely,



George McGovern