DEDICATION

KARL E. MUNDT FEDERAL BUILDING

EROS DATA CENTER

Tuesday, August 7, 1973

PROGRAM

MUSICAL SELECTIONS **9:00 a.m.**

Sioux Falls Municipal Band
Dr. Leland A. Lillehaug, conducting

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

W. A. Radlinski, Associate Director
U.S. Geological Survey

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM **9:30 a.m.**

INVOCATION

Dr. James Limburg
Chairman of the Dept. of Religion
Augustana College
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

WELCOME

- **Hon. V. E. McKelvey, Director**
  U.S. Geological Survey
- **Hon. Richard F. Kneip, Governor**
  South Dakota

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

W. A. Radlinski

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

REMARKS

- **Hon. George M. Low, Associate Administrator**
  National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- **Hon. George S. McGovern, U.S. Senator**
  South Dakota

TESTIMONIAL TO HON. KARL E. MUNDT

Hon. Roman L. Hruska, U.S. Senator
Nebraska

DEDICATION ADDRESS

Hon. Rogers C. B. Morton
Secretary of the Interior

BENEDICTION

Rabbi Eugene Hibshman
Mount Zion Temple
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

RIBBON CUTTING **11:00 a.m.**

OPEN HOUSE

The EROS Program

The Earth Resources Observation Systems (EROS) Program was established in 1966 by the Department of the Interior to use remotely sensed data of the Earth's surface, collected from satellites and aircraft, in support of the Department's various natural resources activities. The Program, which is administered by the U.S. Geological Survey, received its principal financial support initially from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

The main source of remote sensing data is from the Earth Resources Technology Satellite (ERTS-1), launched by NASA on July 23, 1972. ERTS-1 is still providing high-quality imagery daily, with repeat coverage of the same areas every 18 days. Photography from the recent Skylab mission is now also available. Among the many applications of these data are identification of regional geostructures that may aid in locating mineral deposits, studies of snow pack and water storage, monitoring of open-pit mining operations, monitoring of range and forest conditions, the study of changes in coastal morphology affecting seashore parks and wetland resources, the evaluation of land use change for planning purposes, and the identification of ground cover and vegetation vigor.

The EROS Data Center is an integral part of the EROS Program. It is a national center for the preparation and distribution of photography and related products from satellite and aircraft sources for all users—government, private industry, and the general public, both domestic and foreign. The Center staff will also provide assistance to users and conduct training courses in remote sensing.

The facility being dedicated here today would not have been possible without the support of the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, Inc., and the people of the Sioux Falls area.