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At a ceremony conducted at the EROS Data Center, Wednesday, November 5, 1975, the Chief of the Data Center, Allen H. Watkins, presented a notification of acceptance of a large scale Burroughs B6700 computer system to J. Paul Leebrick, General Manager, Burroughs Corporation, McLean, Virginia.

This computer system constitutes the major portion of an investment by the U.S. Geological Survey in excess of \$5 million over a five-year period in support of the EROS Data Center.

The system supports storage and retrieval for a data base of more than six million frames of aircraft photography and spacecraft imagery and provides, for the first time, a computerized index to the single most comprehensive collection of remotely sensed data in the world.

Other major applications of the new computer complex include support for training and assistance activities for the user community, and implementation of advanced techniques for producing and enhancing Data Center products.

In addition, the Burroughs System provides data processing support for customer order processing, production scheduling, and product distribution.

Fifty professional data processing specialists are employed in the EROS Data Center computer services activity.