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## Memorandum

To: EDC Employees  
From: Acting Chief, EROS Data Center  
Subject: Opening of GRID-Sioux Falls

Thursday, March 26, 1992, marks a special day at the EROS Data Center (EDC). Dr. Mostafa Tolba, United Nations Under Secretary General and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and representatives from the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will formally dedicate the opening of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database (GRID), called GRID-Sioux Falls, at EDC. The opening of the GRID office spotlights the Data Center as a major international player in the collection and distribution of Earth resources and other types of environmental data.

Dr. Tolba will formally dedicate the office at a ribbon cutting ceremony in the front lobby at about 9:15 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. he will deliver an address in Kresge Auditorium at Augustana College on the state of the world's environment. Few international citizens are in a better position to present information on this topic. Given the importance of his address, and the work done by the EDC staff which makes this event possible, I encourage EDC employees to attend the ceremonies in the lobby and to hear his presentation at Augustana. Buses will be available to transport employees to and from the College. Branch Management and Supervisors will be working out the details of work schedules within the sections.

Finally, I also encourage your families to join us in this event, especially the lecture at Augustana College. I feel the importance and timeliness of Dr. Tolba's talk and the opening of the GRID office at EDC offer a rare opportunity for us to reflect on the significance of the work we are doing today and plan to do in the years to come.

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