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A Chronology of Activities Associated with the March 16, 1989 MOU
between
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
and the
EROS Data Center

- 1988 On March 16, 1988, an MOU was signed by Dallas Peck, USGS, and Leonard Fisk, NASA, enabling the two agencies to cooperatively participate in "Experimental Land Remotely Sensed Data Processing, Distribution, Archiving, and Related Science Support." The MOU identified EDC to be the "active short- and long-term archive" for EOSDIS acquisitions..."in accordance with approved coordinated program definition and implementation plans." NASA was to prepared an initial Program Definition and Implementation Plan within six months after the signing of the MOU and provide funding appropriate mechanisms. The MOU remains in effect until canceled. *(Copy of MOU enclosed, attached to a Memorandum for the Record providing discussions of intent regarding the MOU.)*
- 1989 On September 7 and 19, 1989, Clarification #1 to the March 16, 1988, USGS/NASA MOU was signed by L.E. Starr, NMD and S.G. Tilford, NASA, to document agreements reached during a series of meetings held between November 1988 and March 1989 to clarify assumptions, policy guidelines, and plans relative to implementation of USGS involvement with EOS land data. *(Copy of Clarification #1, enclosed.)*
- 1992 On July 17, and August 3, 1992, Clarification #2 to the March 16, 1988 MOU, was signed by Allen H. Watkins, NMD and Shelby G. Tilford, NASA, to document an agreement for purchase of equipment to support mass storage of digital satellite remote sensing data and to conduct early prototyping for pre-EOS global change research. *(Copy of Clarification #2, enclosed.)*
- 1992 An August 21, 1992, draft amendment to the March 16, 1988 MOU, addresses the specific relationship between NASA and the USGS required to implement and operate the EOSDIS LPDAAC. The amendment is the foundation agreement from which USGS will proceed with the expansion of the EDC to support EOS and related land data management responsibilities. *(Copy of draft amendment enclosed.)*
- 1992 Clarification #3 to the March 16, 1988 MOU, is being prepared to document an agreement between NASA and USGS whereby EDC serves as the public interface with Landsat data users as provided by NASA's data grant program. *(Draft in preparation; supplemental information enclosed.)*

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A proposed ~~Clarification #4~~ to the March 16, 1988 MOU, is being prepared to document an agreement between the USGS and NASA for USGS to play a major role in archiving, processing, cataloging, and distributing Landsat data for the Landsat Pathfinder Program. (Copy of draft ~~Clarification #4~~, enclosed.)

Became a letter of Agreement