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Memorandum

To: DOI Task Force for Coordination of Remote Sensing

From: Recording Secretary

Subject: National Space Council Landsat Policy Review; Announcement of Next Meeting

Landsat Policy Review

1. DOI answers to 12 key questions on Landsat commercialization (attached) were transmitted to the National Space Council Landsat Working Group on March 29. Your timely contributions and participation at meetings on March 23 and March 28 are much appreciated.
2. The next meeting of the Landsat Working Group will be on April 4. The DOI Working Group representative, Dr. Harlan Watson, and Dr. Gene Thorley (USGS) will be attending. The attached package of material, including the initial draft of the Landsat issue paper (which incorporates the background papers that were assigned to various agency representatives at the first meeting on March 22, 1989), was received late on March 31. There was inadequate time to distribute this material for your comments prior to the April 4 meeting. However, we will contact you after this meeting to let you know how the Task Force can continue to be involved in the development of the Department's position on this issue.

Information on Bureau Uses of Landsat Data

At the March 23 meeting, it was agreed that all bureaus would review their uses of Landsat data and provide an up-to-date list. We agreed to cover three categories of data use:

- Current uses (all uses)
- Uses impacted by termination of Landsat 4 & 5 (a subset of current uses -- see attached list)

- Unmet needs (uses that require additional capabilities, such as increased spatial resolution, stereo, etc; state use and additional capability required).

The current list of DOI applications that would be impacted by termination of Landsat 4 & 5 operations (attached) was distributed to be used as a starting point. If you have not responded, please provide the requested material to me by April 10, so that we can use it where appropriate in the policy review or further departmental consideration of the Landsat issue.

Next Meeting

The Task Force will meet jointly with the Interior Digital Cartography Coordinating Committee (IDCCC) on Friday, April 21, 1989 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 7000B, Main Interior Building. The two groups will meet jointly to review the report of the Amalgamation Task Force. After this issue has been discussed, the groups will meet separately to conduct their own business.

The Department is taking a strong position on the need for a continued Landsat program and for a significant role for DOI in that program. Your continued participation will be essential to a thorough review of the Landsat policy.



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Attachments (3)

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