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MEMORANDUM FOR: M/Dr. Mueller

SUBJECT: Plan for the Interagency Review of Apollo 6 Maurer Photography

REFERENCE: Memo for M, from ADA, Subject: Earth Photographs from Apollo 6 and other flights (dated March 7, 1968 (S))

Detailed procedures have been developed by the Office of DOD and Interagency Affairs for conducting the interagency review of Apollo 6 photography. These have been prepared in close coordination with Public Affairs Office, Manned Spacecraft Center, Office of Manned Space Flight and with the interagency review participants.

NASA will fully support the efforts of the review team. MSC will carefully carry out any special instructions regarding handling of the photography recommended by the Interagency Review Team Leader. The NASA participation in supporting the review is being strictly limited to key personnel; the "need-to-know" has been established by Dr. Gilruth for MSC and by my office for Headquarters.

Enclosure 1 outlines a classified interagency review where each step related to the review is specified. Selected personnel, in the Photographic Technology Laboratory (PTL) and elsewhere, who must by the nature of their jobs be exposed to certain facets of the review, will be informed that there will be a classified review and the reason therefore, will be directed not to discuss this review with others not involved, and will be instructed to refer all queries to Dr. Gilruth. Enclosure 2 is the memorandum that will accomplish the above: each reader will sign that he has read and understands the memorandum. The PTL film development, printing, and duplicating procedures will insure to the satisfaction of the Interagency Review Team Leader (IRTL) that he has all the Maurer photography (the original and two duplicates), in his possession at the time of the review. All instructions regarding the release or classification of the photography will be in the form of a signed memorandum from the IRTL to Dr. Gilruth. These

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instructions must be carefully followed. Any issues that are raised can best be resolved after the review. If certain frames have a sensitivity that cannot be protected adequately by a SECRET classification these frames will be removed and taken to Washington for appropriate action.

If details in the enclosed procedure are in conflict with existing procedures, this instruction will have precedence. For example, the Public Affairs plan states that several Public Affairs personnel will have access to the PTL at all times. The enclosed procedure calls for very limited and controlled access to the PTL until the review is completed.

The Office of Manned Space Flight is responsible for following the procedures detailed in the enclosures. The Office of DOD and Inter-agency Affairs is responsible for monitoring the review process and for the NASA interface with the Interagency Review Team.

The authorization NASA has received to obtain the Maurer photography is predicated on an interagency review prior to release of any photography. Subsequent photography from space would most certainly be curtailed if this review is not supported and the release instructions are not carefully followed.

These procedures, while oriented primarily towards Apollo 6 Maurer photography, will provide an outline for subsequent interagency review of future missions.

No public release will be made of the fact of an interagency review, but NASA must be prepared to respond to direct queries by admitting that a review was made. All queries at MSC will be referred to Dr. Gilruth; all others will be referred to Mr. Julian Scheer at NASA Headquarters.

Response to queries will be along the following lines:

1) Not all data obtained by NASA is released. In the case of photography, much of it is of limited interest because of cloud cover, poor illumination, ocean coverage, etc. Therefore NASA undertakes

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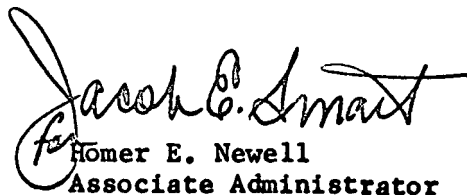
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to select for immediate release those photographs which are of greatest potential interest.

2) NASA reviews all photography for content and will not disseminate photography when national interests so require.

3) Such a review is a cooperative effort between NASA and other government agencies.


Homer E. Newell
Associate Administrator

Enclosures

1. Procedures for the Interagency Review of Maurer 220 G Photography from the Apollo 6 Mission
2. Memo for Record - Policy and Procedures for handling Apollo 6 Maurer Photography

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