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AGENDA for Meeting of COMOR's Technical Subcommittee on Processing
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Room 502 Steuart Building
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1. Density of Duplicate Negatives

- a. It is possible to make a duplicate negative from the first DP in which special attention would be given section by section to insure relatively uniform density which is not now possible under the present method of reproduction. From this DN a DP could be made and all subsequent DNs made from it. If this procedure were followed and all of the DNs made at the end of the duplication for the given mission, all DPs for the Community could be made under the present schedule and without delay.
- b. The factory has jury-rigged a machine for making a reversal negative which in the view of the factory representative would permit extraction of more information than from the present DNs. An example of this is now under study by NPIC, to evaluate this negative for PI purposes. Were this process used it would mean that all DNs would have to be made from the original and therefore would incur greater delay than the present method in which all DNs are made from a high quality DP. The preparation of the reversal negative would take about three days (the same amount of time as required in a above), but this procedure would also incur further delay because each negative would be made from the DN. A further disadvantage is that the original negative would be handled that much more often than is the case under present procedure.

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c. Dodging is not feasible with the present facilities and with the present quantity.

2. Custom Processing

The factory representative will also submit samples of duplicate materials which are now within his capability and from which customers could select the type of processing most useful to each receiving agency. At this time no further variations are feasible. It will have to be recognized that if it is considered important by the customers to have their duplicate materials processed different one from another some delay will have to be incurred.

3. Pressure on the Processor for Speed

Throughout this governments relations with the contractor there has never been imposed a specific time limitation which he must meet in producing the duplicate materials since the emphasis has been on quality. However, there are various pressures which emerge once a mission has arrived at the factory which together in effect produce a feeling of time limitation on his part. It appears to be necessary for the Community to become re-educated to be more patient and to relieve these pressures in order that the factory can produce what is needed. This might require the adoption of a rough maximum schedule so that consumers change their anticipation.

4. Camera Problems

Present procedure requires the factory and NPIC to submit critiques of the camera performance as reflected in the examination of the product. The first is available earlier than the second. Both are transmitted to those responsible for camera improvements. There has been a continuous improvement in the camera performance by virtue of these critiques. There is no useful action which the consumers

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can take with regard to these problems, and accordingly it is proposed the Technical Subcommittee not concern itself with camera improvements.

N.B. If there are other problems which any agency wishes discussed at the meeting, please inform the undersigned by the close of business, 7 May.

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