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Rear Admiral R. Bennett
Chief, Office of Naval Research
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Admiral Bennett:

As chairman of the Working Party for Coordination and Standardization of Intelligence Ground Photographic Procedures and Techniques, it is a pleasure to extend an invitation for the participation of your command in the activities of this group.

The Working Party is formed under the Photographic Surveys Section, Joint Intelligence Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff. A copy of the terms of reference which guide the Working Party's activities is attached hereto for your information.

The group was formed informally some two years ago in recognition of a need for interservice liaison on all matters pertaining to Ground Photography in Intelligence. I, and I'm certain all of the other committee participants, feel that we have made real gains from this liaison. We have benefited from the exchange of information arising from the formal meetings. We have benefited, in some instances, from an elimination of duplication of research effort and we have been able to provide guidance and assistance to the individual members faced with problems of techniques, training, or material. Beyond these obvious gains, I feel that we have made a real, though less measurable, gain in the free liaison which now exists at the operating level between the organizations presently represented on the Working Party.

The Working Party holds formal meetings at approximately six-week intervals. The majority of these meetings are held in the Washington area; the balance are held at Naval, Military, and Air Force stations engaged in efforts of interest to the group. The most recent meeting was held at the Navy Training Device Center, Port Washington, N.Y. The meeting was a most profitable one and the membership was impressed by demonstrations of the Center's work in model making, special photographic emulsions, minimum cost sound motion pictures, as well as a wide variety of other efforts pertinent to the scope of the group's interest.

Mr. Eugene Nowicki of the Training Device Center has participated in two earlier meetings and has been a welcome addition to the group. His continued participation would be of benefit to all concerned. In addition to Mr. Nowicki, I shall be pleased to welcome such other members of your command as you might assign to participate.

I sincerely hope that your command will be able to participate in this activity. I know that if such participation is possible the Working Party will gain from CNR's knowledge and I feel certain that, in turn, the Working Party will be able to provide support and assistance to CNR in our joint efforts.

Sincerely

Arthur C. Lundahl

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Terms of Reference