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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT:

ARGO Request for Coverage by NRP Assets of Selected U. S. Areas

1. Attached is a newly-arrived ARGO request for KH-4 (and possible U-2) coverage. Please handle in the same manner as the Chile coverage request.

- Process it through ICRS at your next meeting and get it into the appropriate mission targeting;
- Report the action status at the next COMIREX meeting -- for the Committee's information and inclusion in the Minutes.

2. When appropriate, either [Redacted] will forward a note to [Redacted] informing ARGO of the COMIREX action.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

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Chairman, COMIREX

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SUBJECT: KH-4 Coverage of Selected Areas of the United States

The attached request for KH-4 coverage of the Gulf Coast and Florida stems from the ARGO Task Group charged with improving the response of the Federal government to natural disasters.

The KH-4 photography makes an excellent data bank of pre-disaster information against which post-disaster aerial photography can be interpreted to determine the extent and severity of the disaster area.

I know that current capability to collect against nonintelligence requirements is extremely limited, therefore, I would suggest that if possible the Florida coverage be collected by KH-4 but that, if necessary, consideration be given to collecting the narrow generally east-west strip along the Gulf Coast with the 24 inch optical bar camera in the U-2 aircraft.

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Chairman, ARGO Steering Committee

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

Date: March 30, 1970

Subject: KH-4 Coverage of Selected Areas of the United States

To: Chairman, Committee for Imagery Requirements
and Exploitation (COMIREX)

Via: Chairman, ARGO Steering Group, OST

Shortly after Hurricane Camille, the Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and the Director of the Office of Science and Technology, Executive Office of the President, agreed that there would be many advantages in developing coordinated interagency procedures for the rapid utilization of remote sensing systems and technology for timely effects assessment of severe domestic natural and man-made disasters.

The ARGO Steering Group, OST, was requested to initiate a task group (with representation paralleling that of the ARGO body) to develop and recommend procedures and mechanisms for "alerting," aerial photo coverage acquisition, photographic interpreter pool, command channels, pre-disaster data base development, etc.

The National Disaster Support Task Group has met regularly since February 17, 1970 at the USGS Special Projects Office at Reston, Virginia, addressing itself to the procedures described above. From the outset, the group recognized the critical requirement for a readily available pre-disaster photographic data base. Such material, along with other graphic data, including photography, maps, etc., are prerequisite to the comparative (pre- and post-) analysis essential to timely damage effects assessment.

Accordingly, examination of present holdings of KH-4 material (because of its unique synoptic and tremendous informational content) has been undertaken. Available coverage of the U. S. over principal disaster-prone areas appears generally adequate in terms of areas and dates of coverage. The major exception is the hurricane-prone Gulf Coast area shown on the attachment. The area shown represents present gaps in existing KH-4 coverage.

It is requested therefore, that early acquisition planning efforts be initiated to obtain KH-4 coverage of as much of this area as possible before onset of the hurricane season (mid-Summer). It is understood this material will not be obtained in competition with National Intelligence Objectives.



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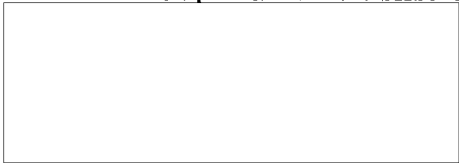
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This requirement represents the combined interests of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce (ESSA and C&GS), Interior (USGS), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Corps of Engineers.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

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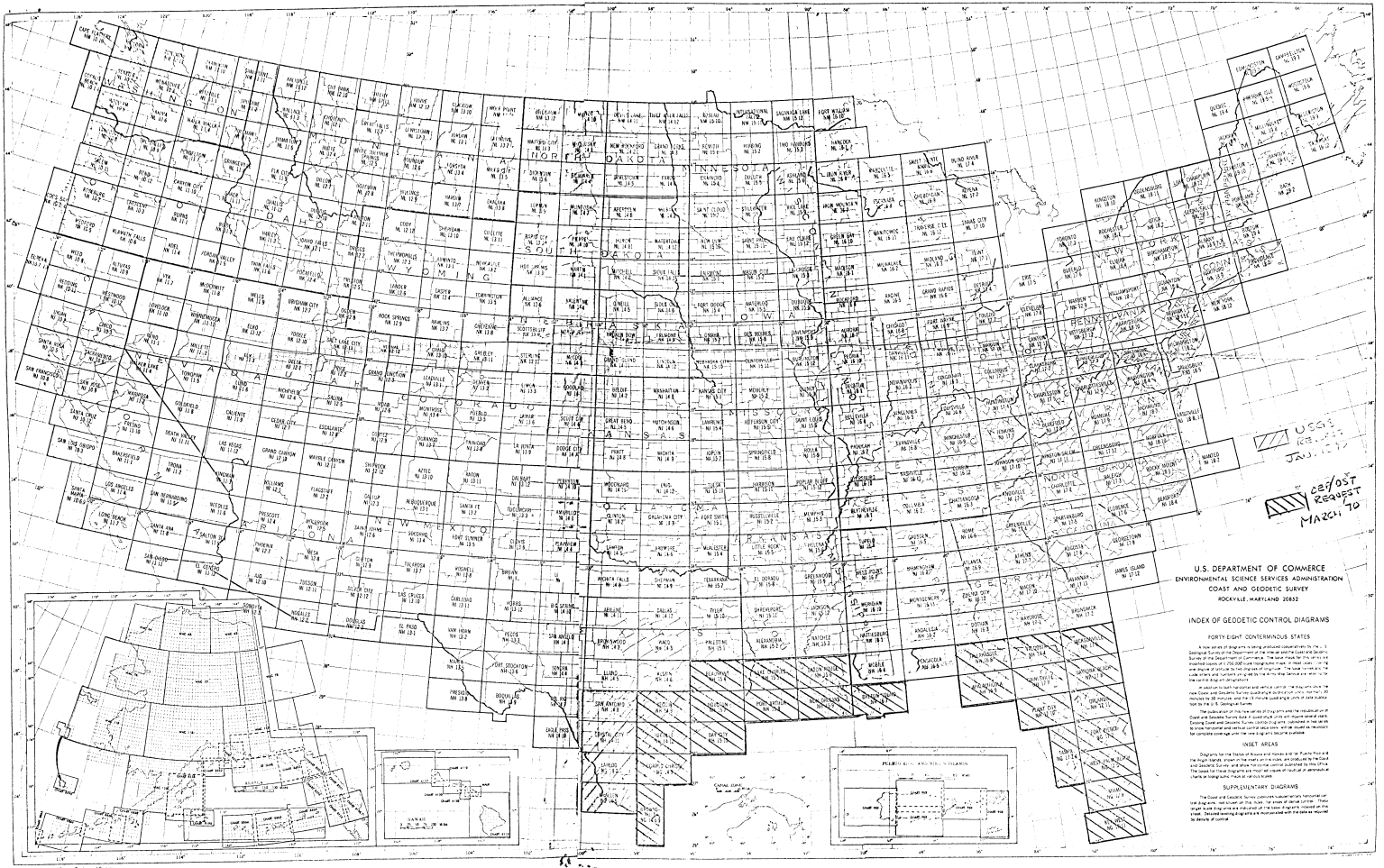


Chairman
National Disaster Support Task Group

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852

INDEX OF GEODETIC CONTROL DIAGRAMS

FORTY EIGHT CONTIGUOUS STATES

This diagram shows the locations of the geodetic control points established by the Coast and Geodetic Survey for the forty-eight contiguous states. The points are distributed throughout the states and are used to maintain and improve the accuracy of the geodetic control network. The diagram is a grid of points, with each point labeled with a number and a letter. The points are distributed throughout the states, with a higher density in the eastern half of the country. The diagram is a grid of points, with each point labeled with a number and a letter. The points are distributed throughout the states, with a higher density in the eastern half of the country.

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SUPPLEMENTARY DIAGRAMS

These diagrams show the locations of the geodetic control points established by the Coast and Geodetic Survey for the territories and possessions of the United States. They are shown on the diagram as hatched areas. They are areas where the geodetic control network is not as dense as in other areas.