

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : Federal Mapping Task Force Report

1. Action Requested: This memorandum is to (a) alert you to the completion and imminent dissemination of an OMB Report of the Federal Mapping Task Force on Mapping, Charting, Geodesy and Surveying and (b) to recommend the means of staffing your response to it.

2. Background: The Task Force was organized by OMB in early 1972 to conduct an intensive review of the civilian mapping community with reference to requirements, operations, and products. The Task Force's findings and recommendations include, among other things, a strong case for increased utilization of T-KH materials in support of U.S. civil agency mapping needs. (Attached is a more detailed review of the Report and its implications.)

3. We understand that in the next few days OMB will send you a copy of the Task Force Report, accompanied by a letter of transmittal requesting your views on the sections pertaining to the expanded use of

T-KH sources for establishing a national cartographic data base and for increasing civilian map production capabilities--in a manner similar to that which DoD has used in producing maps on foreign areas. Your specific comments will be requested on the feasibility of declassification and sanitization of T-KH source materials for these purposes and OMB will indicate that your comments will have considerable influence in the making of decisions on continuing NASA's somewhat duplicatory unclassified earth resources technology satellite, ERTS.

4. Staff Position: As you know, the issue of decontrolling and downgrading information taken from T-KH source materials is under review with the USIB. However, the thrust of that review has been uses in intelligence and military planning on foreign areas, and it may be necessary to re-examine these decontrol/downgrading recommendations specifically in the light of civilian mapping operations and to consider further the resource implications of civil tasking on the classified systems. We have an advance copy of the Task Force Report.

5. Recommendation: I recommend that the DDI be assigned the action responsibility to work with the DDS&T, D/DCI/IC, and Chairman, COMIREX, in evaluating the report and drafting a reply for you to OMB.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADDI

Paul,

Attached is a draft memorandum from you to the Director on the Federal Mapping Task Force Report. It recommends the DDI have the action which I strongly recommend. The Director may receive this Report as early as Tuesday or Wednesday.

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