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SUMMARY OF MAJOR SACC COORDINATION ACTIVITIES
9 May 1968 to 12 May 1969

1. UN Vienna Conference

Fourteen U.S. papers that had SACC connotations were edited by NASA and then cleared with a DOD SACC representative.

2. Space Applications Summer Study

Volume 7 of the 1967 Summer Study was jointly determined by NASA and DOD SACC members to be sensitive; an interim classification of SECRET was assigned and special controls were imposed. All volumes, including Volume 7 (now Vol. 13), of the 1967 and 1968 Summer Study have received SACC approval and have been released for printing and distribution.

3. Aerospace Daily Article

DOD brought to NASA's attention the report of Dr. Hess's remarks at a press conference at MSC. At DOD's request, NASA supplied a chronology of events and NASA actions (including a memorandum for the record by Dr. Hess) to the NRO for their use.

4. ██████████ Guidelines

A TOP SECRET version of the NSAM 156 policy was developed by NASA and concurred in by the DOD for use in briefing senior NASA officials. This TOP SECRET policy has not been formally implemented within NASA. Decision on implementation is an open item for NASA.

5. ERTS

The DOD SACC members were kept informed on the status of project planning, internal and external discussions, and budget positions. The technical project description and classified staff paper were provided for DOD review to permit any issues to be raised prior to the final FY 1970 budget decisions; no objections were noted. The final work statement has now been approved by SACC for release.

6. Apollo Missions 6 and 7

Plans for obtaining space photography of the earth were coordinated with the DOD SACC members; Mr. Tidwell, Chairman, COMIREX; and with

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Mr. Jessup in the Executive Office. Photographic performance data were submitted to the DOD members for both missions and were determined to be within guidelines.

Procedures for the post mission review of the space photography were established by MSC and NASA Headquarters and were coordinated with the DOD SACC members and Mr. Tidwell. Interagency reviews of this photography were accomplished and in each case all the photography was approved in writing by the team leader for NASA release.

Queries to the NASA Office of Public Affairs from UPI and AVIATION WEEK regarding the post mission review of space imagery on Apollo 7 were received and the Response to Queries developed was coordinated with the DOD SACC members and Mr. Tidwell. An article in AVIATION WEEK alleged that NASA was holding Apollo 7 photography from release. This article has precipitated similar articles in the world press.

7. Apollo 7 Concurrent U-2 Photography

Photographic coverage of selected NASA test sites in the Southwest was obtained during the Apollo 7 mission for comparison with NASA aircraft and spacecraft acquired imagery. Steps are underway to arrange for useful dissemination of the data. DOD SACC members were apprised of this activity.

8. Apollo 8

NASA's plans to carry on 250mm and a 120mm focal length lens on the lunar orbital mission in addition to the usual 80mm focal length lens have been coordinated with the DOD SACC members and with Mr. Tidwell; the guidelines were determined not to apply to lunar photography in this case.

9. DOD Astronomy Position

DOD has informed NASA that the current astronomical satellites are not considered as sensitive in terms of reconnaissance technology or optical performance as long as they remain dedicated to astronomy; NASA will brief DOD SACC members on the Astronomy program.

10. DOD Synchronous Meteorological Position

DOD has informed NASA that they have no objections to meteorological photography from synchronous altitude with systems of higher resolution than defined in the guidelines.

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NASA has undertaken to keep DOD informed in advance of plans for such missions; it was recommended NASA prepare a policy paper for MSFPC consideration to formalize present accepted practices.

11. ATS-D

When ATS-D malfunctioned and the possibility of high-resolution earth imagery from low orbit arose, NASA took steps to assure that any such imagery would be held for review prior to release and that attempts to operate the system were not publicized. DOD concurred in the approach and implementation.

12. NAS/NRC Committee on Remote Sensing

The NAS/NRC request for financial support of this committee was discussed with DOD and support has been limited to those activities mutually agreeable to NASA and DOD. DDR&E action was forwarded to SACC for information.

13. U-2 Flight Test

DOD SACC members are looking into the possibility that the RCA RBV will be tested at high altitude in time for the results to be of significance to NASA.

14. Lockheed Antenna

DOD has requested NASA to provide an appropriate interface between Fairchild-Hiller and Lockheed on the question of the space history of the deployable Lockheed antenna being considered as an element of the Fairchild-Hiller proposal for ATS F and G.

15. GSFC ERTS Feasibility Study

This study, classified SECRET, was provided upon request to a Congressional staff member. Action has been completed within SACC for the declassification of this report.

16. Planning Research Corporation Reports

A suspected breach of security by Planning Research Corporation on a NASA contract was resolved by SACC.

List of Future Meeting's and Symposiums (as of May 1969)

Earth Resources Satellites)
Committee on Water Resources Research) date to be
Meeting - EOB) selected Mr. Jaffe,
Dr. Tepper, or
Mr. Fong

Spacecraft Oceanography)
Southeastern Fisheries Association) June 14, 1969 Mr. Fong
Tampa, Florida)

The Practical Applications of)
Space Technology to Our Problems Here)
on Earth.) June 6, 1969 Mr. Don Rogers
Combined Kiwanis Clubs)
Ottawa, Canada)