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Dear Dr. Steininger:

Reference is made to minutes of the last ARGO meeting of July 10, 1968 and to Dr. Hornig's memorandum of July 2, 1968 in connection with future actions to be brought before the Steering Group.

In the development of the contingency photographic data base being established at the OEP National Emergency Relocation Site, we have identified, on a preliminary basis, roughly 115 major metropolitan areas within the United States on which it would be highly desirable to assemble precontingency photo coverage. This project, under the cognizance of the National Resource Analysis Center, has been previously described in the ARGO response memorandum of March 14, 1968 from the Director, OEP to Dr. Hornig, as well as in other discussions with you. Approximately seventy of these areas have presently been covered by the KH-4 System. We have taken steps to obtain or to replace at the Site selected items of available, optimum coverage as the nucleus of the referenced data base. This work has been accomplished with the assistance and cooperation of the National Photographic Interpretation Center.

As of now, there are about 40 locations remaining on which current coverage is not available. These deficiencies are listed in the attached with appropriate priorities indicated. It is desired at this time to introduce for Steering Group attention and approval, and for appropriate COMOREX action, a requirement for acquisition by direct collection of KH-4 coverage of the remainder of these areas.

Needless to say, programming efforts to obtain this coverage should not interfere with existing national intelligence collection priorities. However, we would like to plan on filling these principal information gaps during the balance of 1968 and 1969 periods. As a matter of interest, informal coordination has been effected with Mr. Winston Sibert, U. S. Geological Survey, on the listed areas and priorities.

Your efforts on this behalf are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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