

The Honorable William E. Colby  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bill:

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I am forwarding to you five copies of the Federal Mapping Task Force Report on domestic mapping, charting, geodesy and surveying prepared under OMB chairmanship. Your appointee to the Task Force was [redacted] of the Office of Geographic and Basic Intelligence. In addition, substantive experts within the Central Intelligence Agency provided invaluable support to the Task Force through participation in technical working groups and in preparing documentation leading to the final report. I am most appreciative of their contribution and wish to commend their performance.

The report recommends consolidation of a number of domestic MC&G agencies into a Federal Survey Administration compatible with the President's reorganization proposal for a Department of Energy and Natural Resources. In addition, it sets forth a number of management improvements applicable to all existing MC&G programs and suggests ways in which DOD high resolution satellite collection and related instrumentation can be applied in developing a National Data Base and in enhancing map and chart production. The report also proposes immediate adoption of a new standardized pricing formula for MC&G products which will result in greater revenue return to the Treasury from sales to the non-federal sector.

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I am particularly desirous in obtaining your views on the recommendations pertaining to greater use of TALENT KEYHOLE imagery by the MC&G community and on the feasibility of undertaking some or all the proposals relating to declassification or sanitization of satellite photography over the United States. As you can appreciate, modification of security control of TALENT KEYHOLE could have considerable influence on future budgetary decisions on a potentially duplicative operational satellite system in NASA's Earth Resources Program.

I would appreciate receiving by October 1 your views on the Task Force Report, your appraisal of the desirability and feasibility of the recommendations and, for the recommendations acceptable to you, a plan for implementation and with what priority.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Associate Director

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