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*Frank Williams*

Mr. Francis L. Williams  
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Dear Frank:

☛ This letter is in response to the latest update concerning your plans for the acquisition of SAR data with SEASAT-A. In light of DoD/NASA agreements with respect to protection of the SAR command uplink and the 24-hour notification of DoD, and provided routine predictable imaging of DoD land and harbor installations does not occur, the planned acquisition of SAR data using the three U.S. stations plus the Canadian station is acceptable.

☛ I cannot, with certainty, state that acquisition by additional foreign ground stations such as depicted would be just as acceptable. Each individual instance of an expanded acquisition scenario would have to be reviewed as an individual case when all details of data acquisition, processing, and dissemination are known. I do feel that such reviews would, in all probability, indicate that acquisition sites located in foreign countries considered to be allies of the U.S. are not a problem for the DoD.

(U) I appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the latest SAR data plan. It is cooperation such as this which will insure development of a SEASAT system best serving the needs of all communities concerned.

Sincerely,

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