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INVESTIGATION OF ERTS-A IMAGES FOR APPLICATION TO THEMATIC MAPPING

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a.   Title: Investigation of ERTS-A Images for Application to
             Thematic Mapping

     ERTS-A Proposal No.:   SR 116

b.   GSFC ID No. of P.I.:   IN 385

c.   Problems:

     Experimental effort has been hampered by inability to acquire

     time-critical imagery expeditiously.

d.   Accomplishments:

     During this reporting period, the open water theme was extracted

     from March 31 cloud-free images acquired over the Mississippi

     River during flood.   The extractions were isolated from MSS Band 7

     at bulk scale.   These extractions, along with those from images

     acquired on the May 4-5-6 orbits, will be enlarged to and gridded

     at 1:1,000,000 scale   during the next reporting period   to provide

     sequential-stage 1:1,000,000 mosaics of the flood area from

     St. Louis, Missouri south to the Gulf of Mexico.

e.   Significant scientific results:

     Composite mosaics made of open water extractions of the Mississippi

     River at normal stage and those derived for various flood stages

     illustrate with startling clarity the magnitude of the recent

     flood   and provide an excellent and timely historical documentation

     of the temporal changes in flood extent between successive cloud-

     free ERTS passes.

f. Published articles and reports: None

g. Recommended changes in operations: None

h. Changes in standing order forms: None

i. ERTS Image descriptive forms: N/A

j. Changes in Data Request forms: None

k. DCP status: N/A