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Status

During this period we carried out ground truth studies in western Mojave Desert and foothill area of the San Bernardino Mountains. The objectives of the field trip were to check the surface expression of faults observed in Skylab and U-2 photographs and estimate the ground resolution of S 190 B photograph. Progress was made in preparing illustrations to be included in the final report.

Significant Results

In spite of the inferior ground resolution of EREP S 190 B compared to U-2 photographs, we found that most known faults are more readily identifiable in EREP S 190 B photograph. Surface indications of recent faulting are generally observed in EREP S 190 B photographs. Comparison of secondary roads (asphalt and dirt) registered in EREP and U-2 photographs together with field measurements shows that dirt and asphalt roads about 7 meters wide can be detected in EREP S 190 B photograph where sufficient contrast exists between the tone of road surface and surrounding terrain. In low contrast cases roads more than 10 meters wide could not be detected.

Plans for Next Period

We plan to devote the remaining period to writing the final report and preparing illustrations.

Problems

None

Publications

None