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Abstract: Using Landsat-1 and SKYLAB (S-192) data the Green Swamp area
of Central Florida was categorized into vegetative classes. These data
were compared with a detailed vegetative map compiled from low altitude
photography. Agreement of Landsat and Skylab categorized data with the
vegetation map were 87 percent and 83 percent respectively.

Landsat I and Landsat-2 data were processed to produce water volume
maps of the Everglades. A difference in the number of picture elements
(24) per line between Landsat-1 and Landsat-2 images presented a soft-
ware problem in the processing of the data. These problems were resolved
by the Aero Space Division of Bendix Corporation.

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LANDSAT TYPE I PROGRESS REPORT

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- a. TITLE: AN ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON OF LANDSAT-1, SKYLAB (S-192) AND AIRCRAFT DATA FOR DELINEATION OF LAND-WATER COVER.
- b. GSFC ID of P. I. ~~I 414~~
- c. As of January 1976 all digital processing of Landsat imagery to complete the goals of the water management project in Florida have been completed. We are now proceeding to write the analysis of these data for the NASA final report.
- d. During the last reporting period seventeen data collection platforms were in operation in the Everglades.
- e. Landsat-1 and SKYLAB (S-192) data for the Green Swamp area of Central Florida were categorized into five classes: water, cypress, other wetlands, pine and pasture. These categories were compared with similar categories on a detailed vegetative map made using low altitude photography. Agreement of Landsat and SKYLAB categorized data with the vegetation map were 87 percent and 83 percent respectively. The Green Swamp vegetative categories may be widespread but often consist of numerous small isolated areas, because Landsat has a greater resolution than SKYLAB it is more favorable for mapping the small vegetative categories. However with the additional

spectral resolution available in the S-192 data it is possible to categorize complex areas, such as the Green Swamp, provided the investigation has adequate ground truth to establish the subcategories and to merge them into logical composites.

Landsat-1 and Landsat-2 data were processed to produce water volume maps of the Everglades. The Landsat-2 imagery had 24 picture elements more per image line than did the Landsat-1 imagery. These additional picture elements created a software problem for geographically locating the data collection platforms within the Landsat-2 scene. The aero space Division of Bendix Corporation was able to rewrite the computer program to resolve this problem.