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1) Introduction

Following the shipment of the first available Landsat 2 images arrived in Italy on middle July, this report will explain the preliminary steps in the accomplishment of the proposed program.

2) Techniques.

Up to day the following coverages are available over the main test area.

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20	Jul	"	"	217909273
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over the areas surrounding the main test site (4 MSS bands) the following images are also on study

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Moreover a retrospective order was placed and the following images are on study regarding the period before the signature of the investigation.

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for the main test site and

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for the areas relate to the main test site.

First approaches have been completed for the utilizations of Landsat 2 images in achieving the goals freseen.

The approach for the study was divided into:

- a) Utilization for the existing data and their comparison with Landsat 2 images (maps and airphotos)
- b) Ad hoc surveys : ground contrdls on selected areas
 - : MSS (Daedalus 1250) flight over Staffora Valley (main test site)
 - : Multiband al T.I.R. scanner flight (Daedalus 1230) in the areas included in the proposal.

The surveys and flights have been done in connection with Landast 2 orbits.

At present time false color compositions have been ordered at EROS regarding the more significant images.

Moreover it has to be pointed out that a grant was obtained few weeks ago from National Research Agency (C.N.R.) to support the acquisition of sofisticated hardware for image analysis.

3) Firsts Accomplishments and Results

The successful orbit of Landsat 2 provided a lot of good data presently on study.

Short delay is foreseen in the aquisition of the proposed results.

In the meantime basing on the comparison of Landsat 2 and ground and airborne data some points of particular interest have been chosen.

Particularly promising was the finding on Landsat images of a correlation between runoff, soil erosion, turbidity of Po river and plumes of Po in Adriatic sea.

4) Problems.

Late arrival of grants created some problems at our organization but in few weeks they were solved.

From the point of view of data quality and delivery we found them adequate to our program especially for what deals with resolution of the imagery and test site coverage.

5) Recomendation and conclusions.

Our group has found the data of Landsat of the maximum utility also for problems outside the ones of our deep interest.

The impact of these new data and the capability of iterative coverage for the study of applicative aspect of earth resources management enabled us to face with a new kind of operative approach to the

study of Northern Appennini and relate area dynamic phenomena.
In this framework and basing on the present quality of Landsat 2 images a program of applicate research over Northern Appennini for a period ranging from three to five years has been presented for an appropriate grant to our Central Authorities . It approved it will represent the logic continuation of the NASA Disco program and will include also the utilization of the foreseen Landsat C platform.
NASA will be informed as soon of the result of the above mentioned proposal.

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