

OPENING REMARKS

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Conference Chairman

Good morning. This symposium's purpose is to promote an exchange of information about basic methodology, application problems, and software and hardware in the field of computer-assisted cartography. Our last conference (Auto-Carto I) provided extensive discussions which highlighted technical progress in this area. At this conference we will add presentations which explore the impact of automation on the map reader. The capacity of cartography to keep up with technical-mechanical production of maps, often by non-cartographers, raises many issues for producers and readers alike. Vincent Barabba and Arthur Robinson represent two important approaches to serving our society's needs for information, a Federal agency's need to communicate to the public and a scholar's concern with a process of decisionmaking practiced by cartographers.

Our staff and this facility provide the setting. Our speakers, panelists and you, the participants, will make this a successful symposium. Thank you for coming. Let us get started.

The American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, our sponsor, provides us with our first speaker. This distinguished gentleman needs no further introduction. Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. William B. Overstreet, President of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping.