

Microsoft to offer Spy-inSky Photos

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Microsoft signs an agreement with Aerial Images Inc. to publish once-secret satellite images taken by the Russian military. The satellite photos will be available on a Microsoft Web site, but details of the arrangement are still being worked out. Aerial Images of Raleigh, NC has purchased the images from Sovinforsputnik, Russia's space association. The first pictures to put on the Web site were taken in the 1990's, with the latest taken last May. The photos have a resolution of one meter. and will be updated regularly. The initial photos will show Los Angeles, Washington D.C., San Francisco, Rome, and London. They will posted to the Web site within 9 months. Customers will be able to view a Russian satellite photo on Microsoft's Web site, then download it for a \$30 fee. A shot will cover one square kilometer, or about half a square mile.

Maybe they can be persuaded to post shots of Area51 and S4!!

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