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27 May 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DD/S&T

1. Attached are some papers which may be of interest to Dr. Wheelon, beginning with Special Group Minutes of 14 May 1965, in which the Director states that he is opposed to TROJAN HORSE operating beyond its present restrictions. Tab B is COMOR D-25/163, in which a reference is made to a 20-mile restriction. I recall at this COMOR meeting, at Mr. Reber's request, I provided COMOR with a large map of North Vietnam and called Capt. Fitzwater in JRC to ask him what the restrictions imposed on TROJAN HORSE were at that date. He stated that the low-level overflight of North Vietnam was limited to 21° north and still to remain 40-miles from Hanoi and Haiphong. He said that no additional restrictions had been imposed on the SAC U-2's. At some time in COMOR that day mention of the 20-mile restriction south of the DRV border came out and was incorporated in the COMOR paper 25/163, paragraph 7.e., of 10 May 1965. Copy attached. In addition, USIB on 12 May modified the COMOR recommendations, stating that "consideration would be given to TROJAN HORSE to go as far north as the China border....". The approved recommendations are contained in USIB-D-41.14/251, dated 14 May 1965. Subsequent to the USIB meeting the Director, on 13 May 1965, made the statement that he "opposed the use USAF review(s) completed.

DIA, JCS and NRO review(s) completed.

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of U.S. uniformed personnel in surveillance missions beyond present restrictions".

2. Yesterday afternoon, in discussion with [REDACTED] on TROJAN HORSE and IDEALIST/TACKLE Operations, I mentioned to him that we were not receiving sufficient information from JRC to determine what restrictions presently existed on TROJAN HORSE, among other things. At my suggestion, and at [REDACTED] direction, I prepared a cable to JRC asking them for certain information. Copy Attached. JRC responded stating that restrictions for TROJAN HORSE were contained in a JCS message dated 25 April 1964. Copy attached. It should be noted that "SAC U-2 aircraft are authorized to fly all of Laos and North Vietnam, up to the China Border". I gather, from JRC's answer, that this authorization is still in effect. I now can not help but feel that the Director, as well as others concerned, may be under the mistaken impression that SAC U-2 aircraft are restricted to 20-miles from the DRV/China border.

3. I am passing this information on to you with [REDACTED] authorization. In the event you concur that the Director may be misinformed, then proper action can be taken to correct a mistaken impression, if such exists.

[REDACTED]
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Chairman of USIB, are shown in the following tabulation, except for the FBI who abstained:

Recommendation 8. a. "That the TROJAN HORSE be permitted to go as far north as DRV border to obtain oblique photography of Ping Hsiang."

CIA, NSA and AEC concur

State requests that decision on requirement for SAC U-2 coverage up to border of China be deferred pending results of activities proposed in b. and d. below, and proposes a new Recommendation e. that SAC U-2's observing the 20 mile restriction give priority to coverage of the lines of communication south from Ping Hsiang.

DIA proposes that COMOR Recommendation 8. b. precede a revision of Recommendation 8. a. to read as follows:

consideration be given to permit TROJAN HORSE to go as far north as DRV border to obtain oblique photography of Ping Hsiang."

Recommendation 8. b. "That Ping Hsiang be given highest priority for (112 B-camera) and BLUE SPRINGS coverage during this period."

CIA, State, DIA, NSA and AEC concur.

Recommendation 8. c. "That the need for medium- and low-level reconnaissance North of 21° be re-emphasized, particularly at this time to provide surveillance of the rail line from Hanoi to the DRV border at Langson across from Ping Hsiang."

CIA, State, DIA, NSA and AEC concur, with a comment by State that the Department is requesting 303 Committee consideration of the previously approved USIB paper on this subject.

① comor recommended above -

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e. The present authority does not permit TROJAN HORSE to approach closer than 20 miles of the DRV/South China border. Oblique photography of Ping Hsiang could be obtained if TROJAN HORSE could go to the border.

8. Recommendations:

a. That the TROJAN HORSE be permitted to go as far north as the DRV border to obtain oblique photography of Ping Hsiang.

b. That Ping Hsiang be given highest priority for [] (112B camera) and BLUE SPRING coverage during this period.

c. That the need for medium- and low-level reconnaissance north of 21⁰ be reemphasized, particularly at this time to provide surveillance of the rail line from Hanoi to the DRV border at Langson across from Ping Hsiang.

d. That [] photography be obtained as weather permits of the rail line from Ping Hsiang to Cheng Chou.

② Comor changed recommendation to read as above

(Signed)
JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman, COMOR

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12 May USIB mtg.

8. Recommendations:

a. That Ping-Hsiang be given highest priority for [redacted]
(112B camera) and BLUE SPRINGS coverage during this period. [redacted]

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consideration be given to permit TROJAN HORSE to go as far north as the China border to obtain oblique photography of Ping-Hsiang. (It should be noted that because of the weather, reconnaissance short of medium- or low-level overflights are unlikely to provide the intelligence needed.)

b. That need for medium- and low-level reconnaissance north of 21° be reemphasized, particularly at this time to provide surveillance of the rail line from Hanoi to the DRV border at Langson across from Ping-Hsiang. When the weather permits SAC U-2s, observing the restriction to remain 20 miles south of the China border, should give priority to coverage of these lines.

c. [redacted] cover as much of the rail line northeast of Ping-Hsiang as is possible while on flights to obtain coverage of Ping-Hsiang and other primary indicator targets in South China.

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③ USIB changed COMOR's
recomm. to read as
above & approved.

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14 May 1965

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Extract from Minutes of 303 Committee meeting held 13 May 1965

- 25X1 2. a. Omission of [] TROJAN HORSE Missions from NRO Forecast for May 1965.

25X1 (1) In regard to the proposal by Dr. Brockway McMillan that [] TROJAN HORSE missions be excluded from the NRO forecast (the contents of which received telephonic approval on 3 May 1965), Mr. Bundy felt that these missions were better kept at the present time in the NRO forecast and within the purview of the 303 Committee.

(2) Apropos of TROJAN HORSE, Admiral Raborn pointed out that whereas USIB on 12 May had reemphasized requirements against certain targets in the Hanoi area and at transshipment points to the north, he, as DCI, opposed the use of U.S. uniformed personnel in surveillance missions beyond present restrictions. (How best to satisfy these requirements has been the subject of recurring discussions in USIB.)

- b. Southeast Asia - Low-Level Missions North of 21st Parallel: Whether to Approve on Mission by Mission or Package Basis.

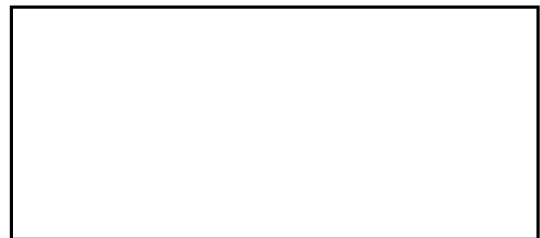
(1) In consideration of low-level missions north of the 21st parallel, Mr. Bundy advised that the overall subject would be discussed by the Acting Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense soonest so that there would be no conflict between military action and political developments which could lead to the conference table.

(2) At the same time, it was agreed that low-level missions would continue to be considered on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Vance emphatically endorsed this point of view.

8. JRC Monthly Reconnaissance Forecast

The JRC monthly reconnaissance forecast for May 1965 received telephonic approval on 30 April 1965.

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1. IS TROJAN HORSE RESTRICTED IN ITS APPROACH TO CHICAGO/
DEV BORDER? IS 20-MILE RESTRICTION FROM BORDER IN EFFECT OR CAN
TROJAN HORSE, UNDER EXISTING OPERATING PROCEDURES TANGENT THE
BORDER?

2. PLEASE INFO OR PROVIDE SEPARATE CABLE TO OPCEN ALERT
MESSAGES FOR TROJAN HORSE AND BLUE SPRINGS AND FORWARD MAP ROUTES
ASAP FOR EACH MISSION, PARTICULARLY WHEN ROUTE MODIFIED.

3. IS MISSION INFO PROVIDED YOU FROM HQS TIMELY AND
SATISFACTORY?

END OF MESSAGE

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