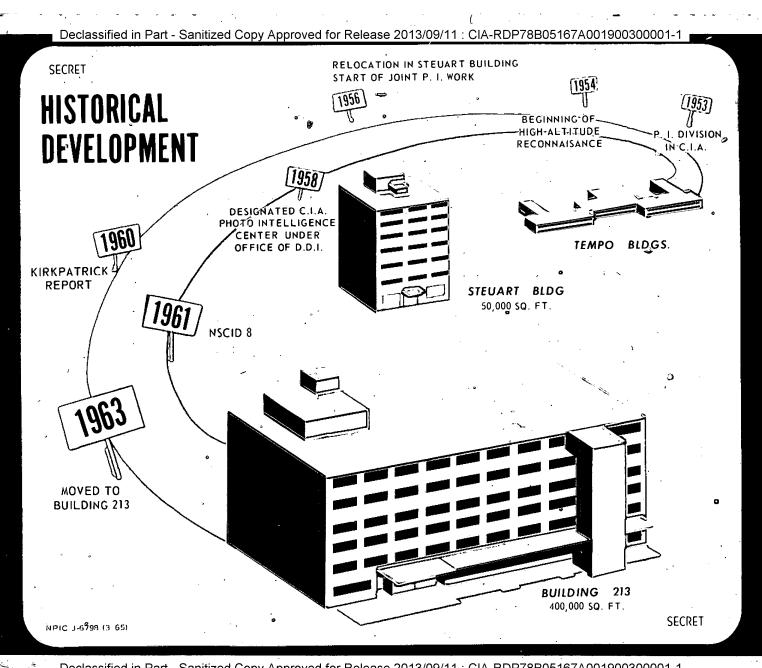
# NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC



# INTERPRETATION CENTER

NPIC K-2461 (10/65)

CONFIDENTIAL



## HISTORY OF NPIC

1953 Pi division in Cia

1954
BEGINNING OF HIGH ALTITUDE RECONNISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHY

1956 Relocated in Steuart Building Started Joint PI Work

1958 designated CIA Photo intelligence center under office of DDI

1960 KIRKPATRICK REPORT RECOMMENDED ESTABLISHMENT OF NPIC USIB ACCEPTED PROPOSAL

> 1961 NSC ISSUED NSCID 8 ESTABLISHING NPIC

> > 1963 Moved to Building 213

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## NSCID 8 (18 JANUARY 1961) CREATED NPIC

- PROVIDED BY DCI
- DIRECTOR DESIGNATED BY DCI, APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
- PERSONNEL & OTHER SUPPORT JOINTLY PROVIDED
- PERSONNEL UNDER FUNCTIONAL CONTROL OF DIRECTOR, NPIC -UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF PARENT ORGANIZATION
- DEPARTMENTAL PI RESPONSIBILITIES TO CONTINUE
- ADMINISTRATION OF NPIC TO PASS TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN TIME OF WAR

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### NPIC RESPONSIBILITIES AS STATED IN NSCID 8

- PRODUCE AND DISSEMINATE IMMEDIATE AND DETAILED PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORTS USING ALL COLLATERAL SOURCES
- DOES NOT PRODUCE FINISHED INTELLIGENCE
- SUPPORT DEPARTMENTAL NEEDS AS CAN BE PROVIDED WITHOUT DEGREDATION OF NATIONAL ACTIVITIES
- MAINTAIN A CENTRAL PHOTO FILE
- DEVELOP MECHANIZED SYSTEMS FOR RECOVERY, SELECTION, COLLATION OF DATA
- DEVELOP SPECIALIZED EXPLOITATION EQUIPMENT
- CONSULT WITH USIB DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, & COMMITTEES

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## NPIC MISSION AND FUNCTIONS

#### MISSION

THE NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

IS CHARGED WITH PRODUCING PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORTS,

PROVIDING PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF THE

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE EFFORT, FURNISHING SUCH ADDITIONAL

SUPPORT TO DEPARTMENTAL AND AGENCY INTERESTS AS CAN BE

PROVIDED WITHOUT DEGRADATION OF NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, AND

PROMOTING AN INTEGRATED AND COORDINATED INTERDEPARTMENTAL

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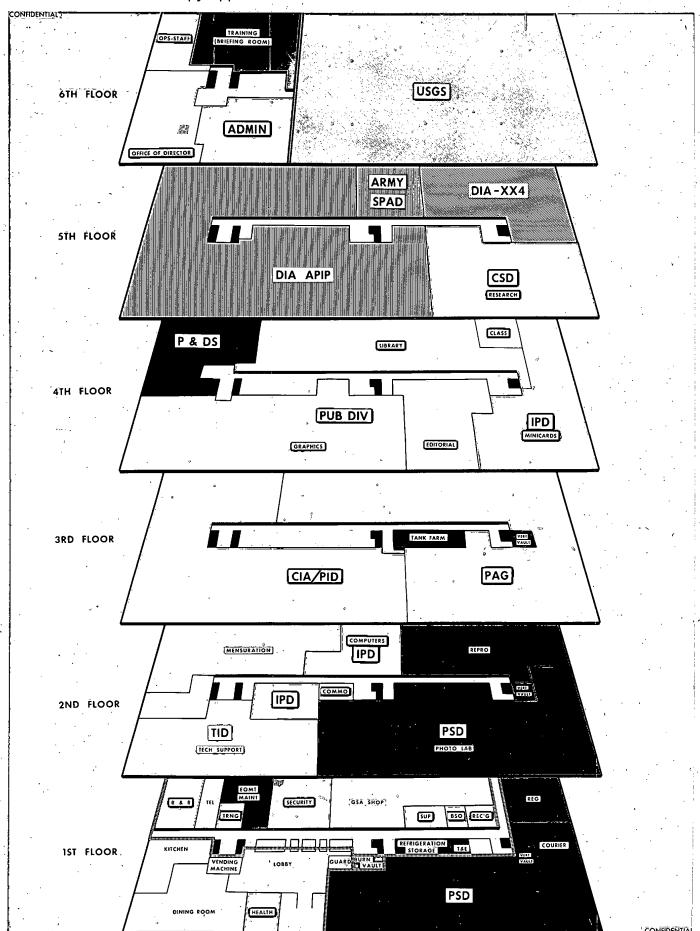
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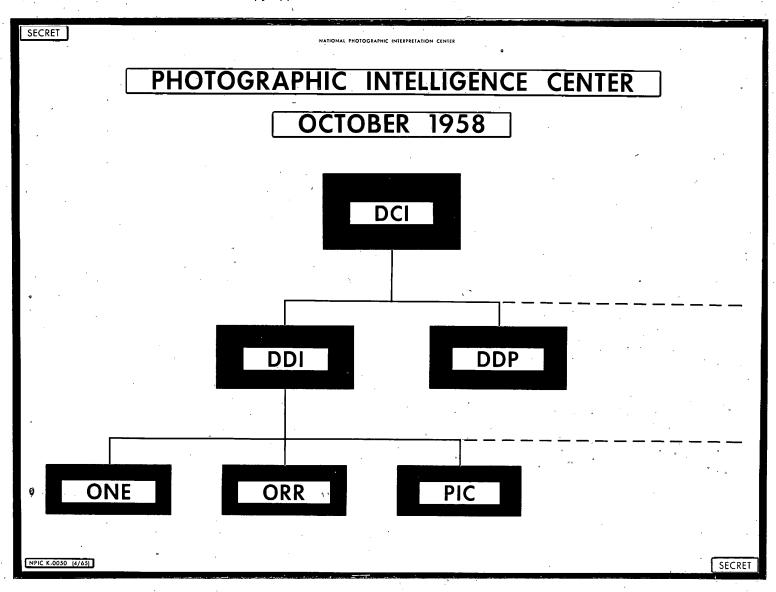
- 1 PRODUCE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORTS.
- PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICES.
- MAINTAIN CENTRAL FILE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA.
- ARRANGE FOR EXCHANGE OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA.
- RECOMMEND CODES, INDEXES, AND MECHANIZED SYSTEMS FOR RECOVERY, SELECTION, AND COLLATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA.
- PREPARE PHOTOGRAPHIC AND PHOTOGRAMMETRIC INTELLIGENCE
  SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS.
- PROVIDE ANALYTIC AND TECHNICAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE
  SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF SPECIAL COLLECTION AND
  EXPLOITATION REQUIREMENTS.
- ENGAGE IN OR SPONSOR, THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO INTERESTED ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.
- PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN ACCOMMODATIONS AND FACILITIES
  FOR NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES.
- EXAMINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO ANY SPECIAL SECURITY CONTROLS.
- 11 CONSULT WITH INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND COMMITTEES ON PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION ACTIVITIES.

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#### **EVOLUTION EXPLOITATION** PHOTOGRAPHIC CIA - NPIC

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1952 - 1956

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1960 - 1963

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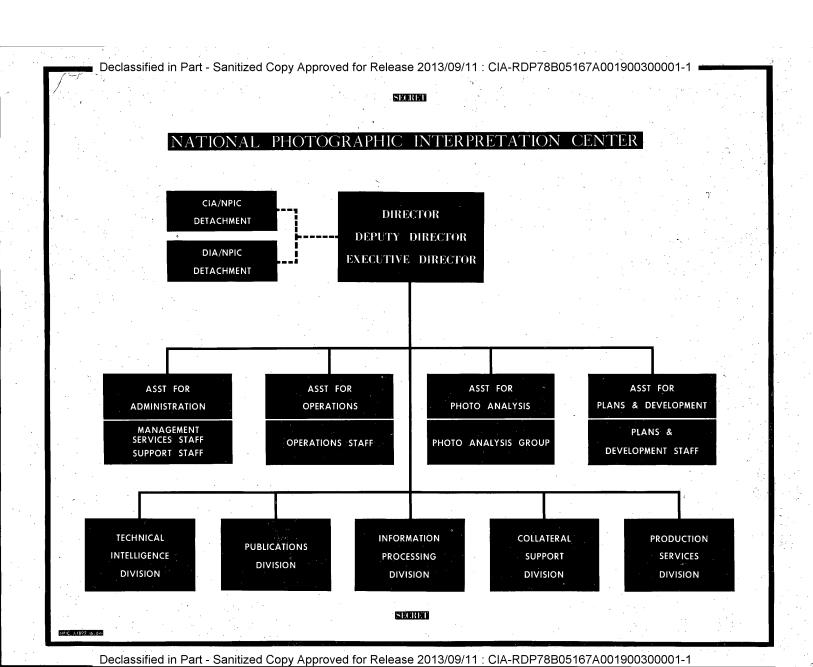
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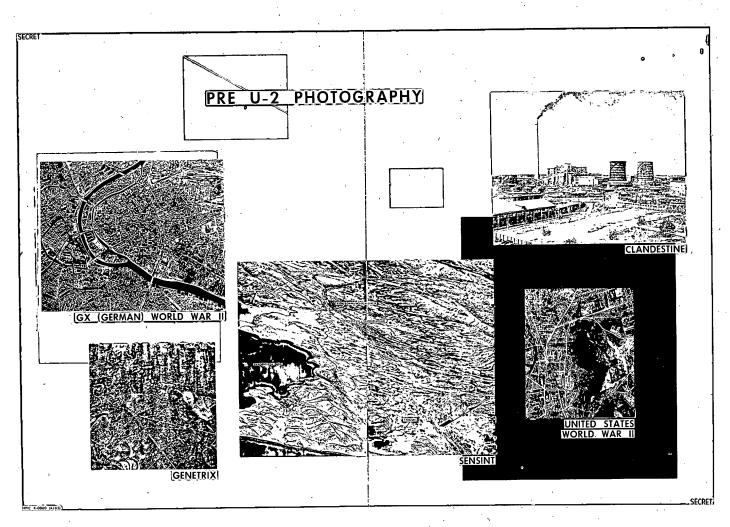
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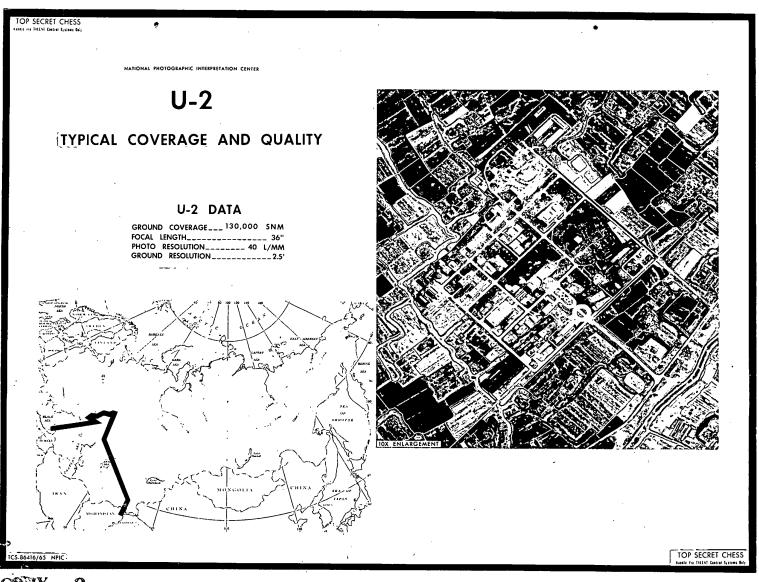


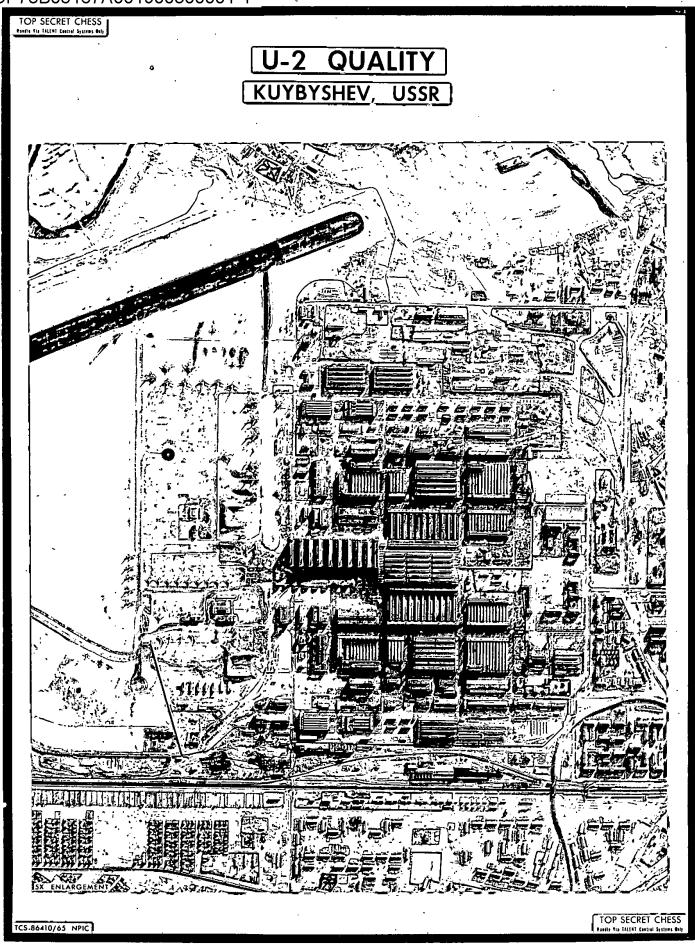
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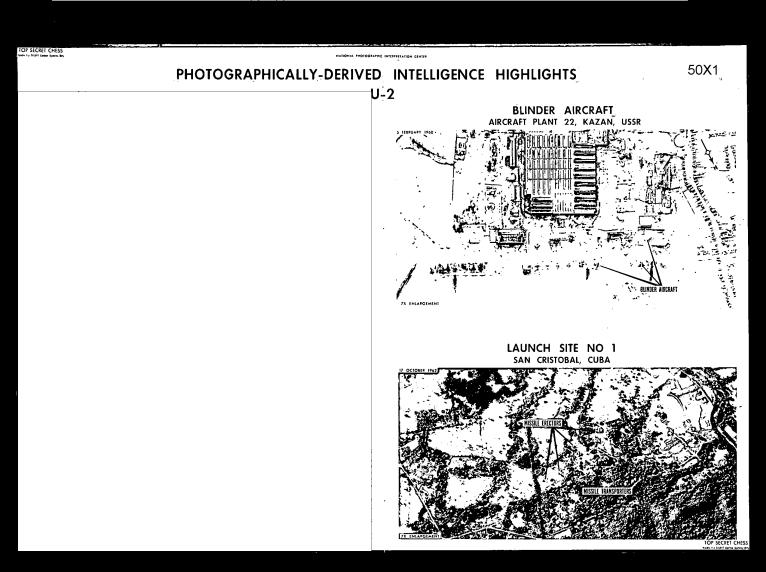


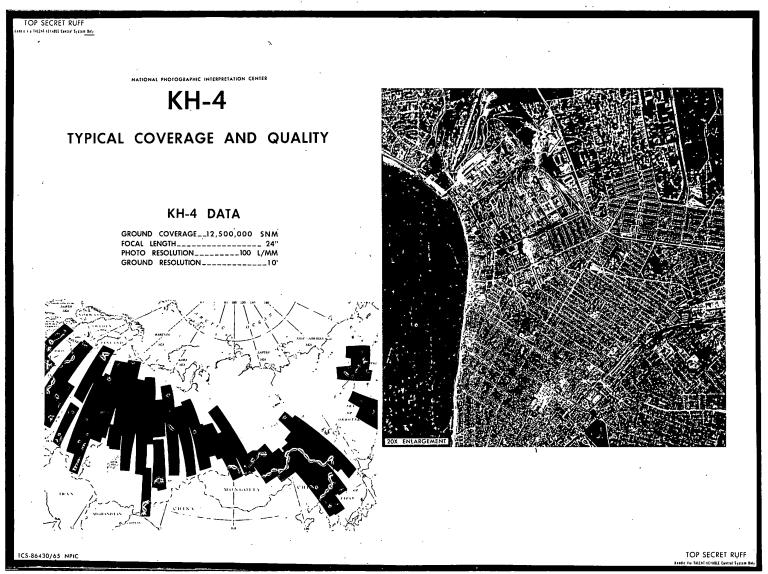
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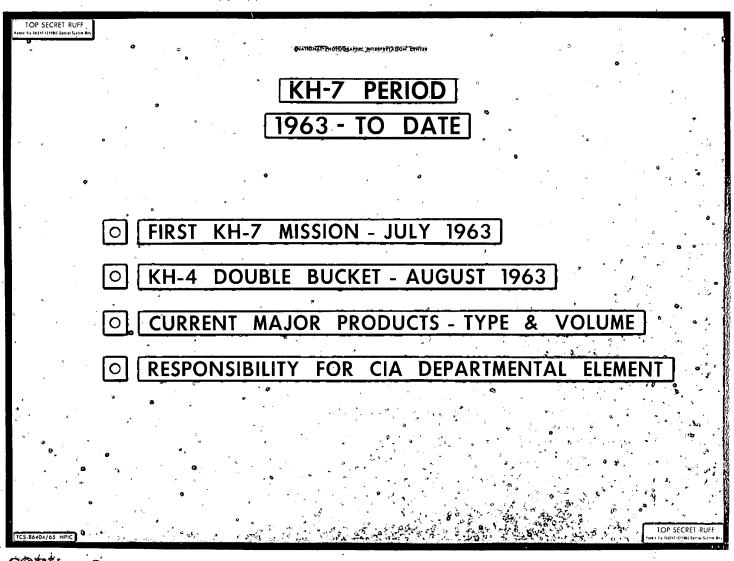
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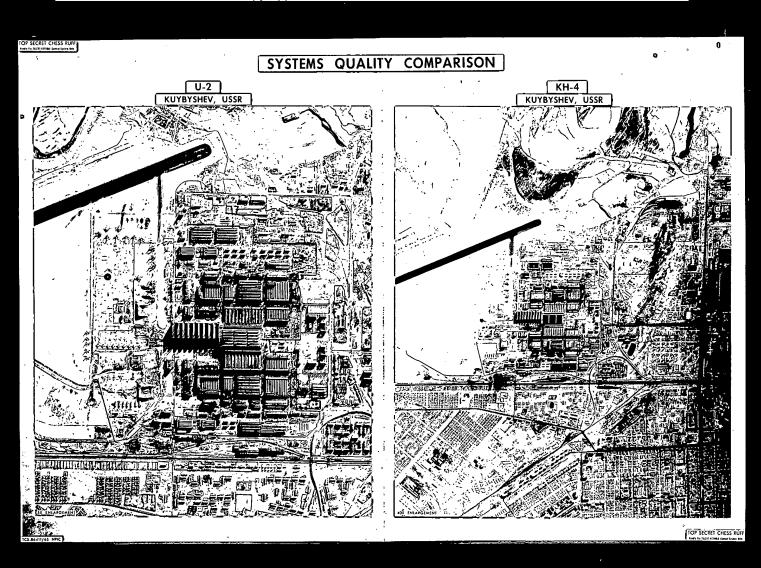


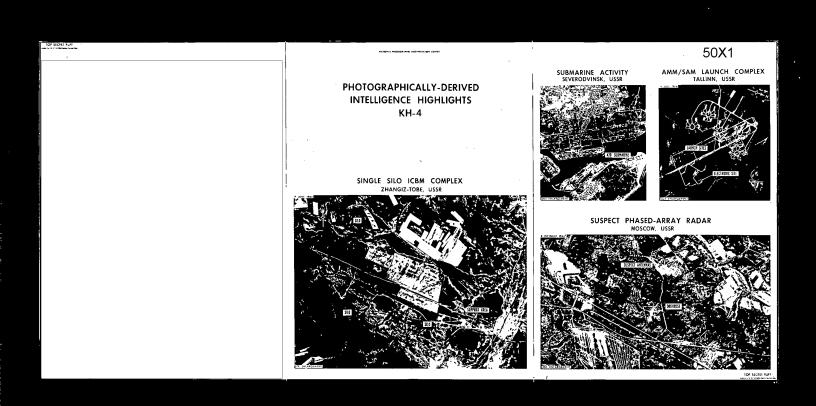


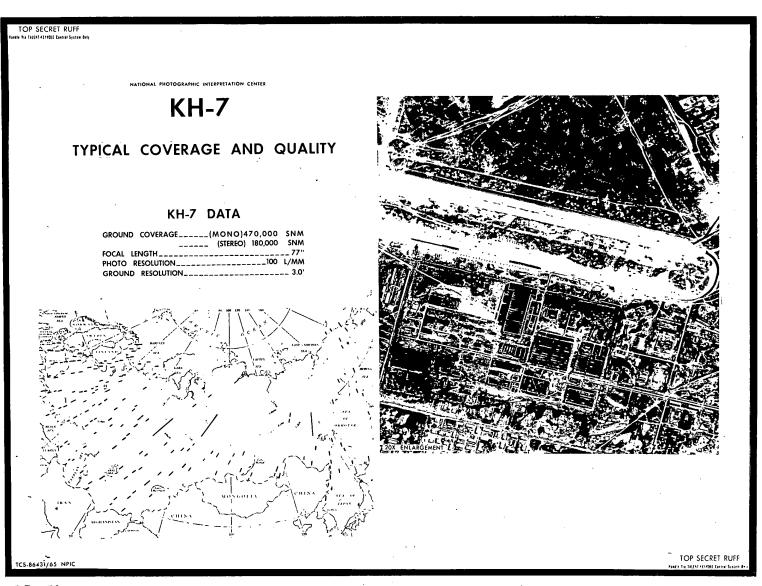
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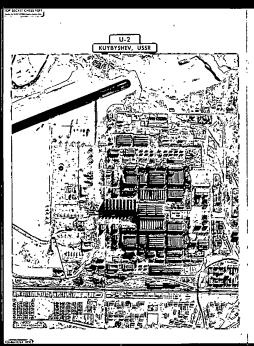




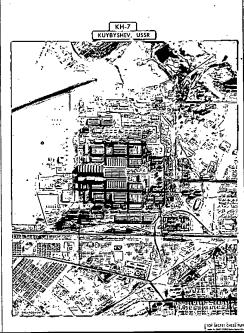


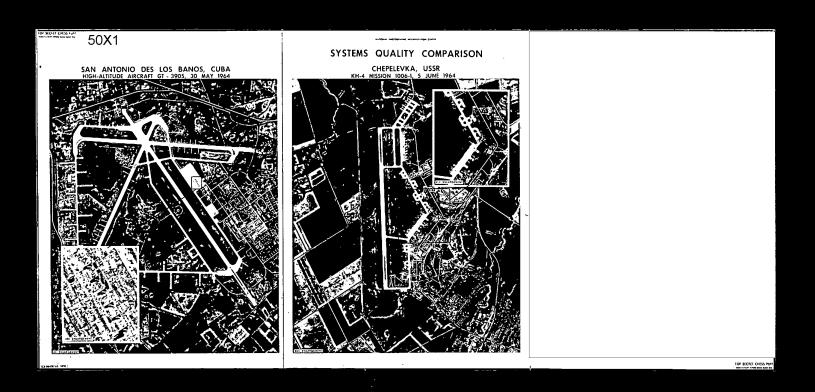


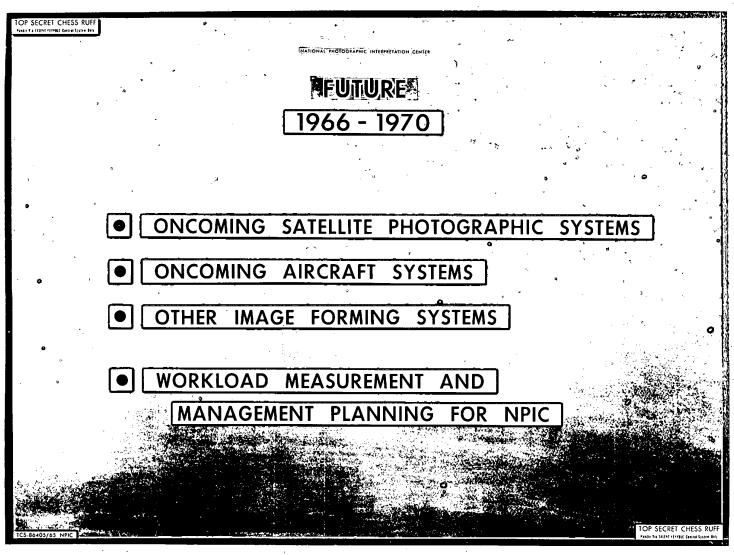
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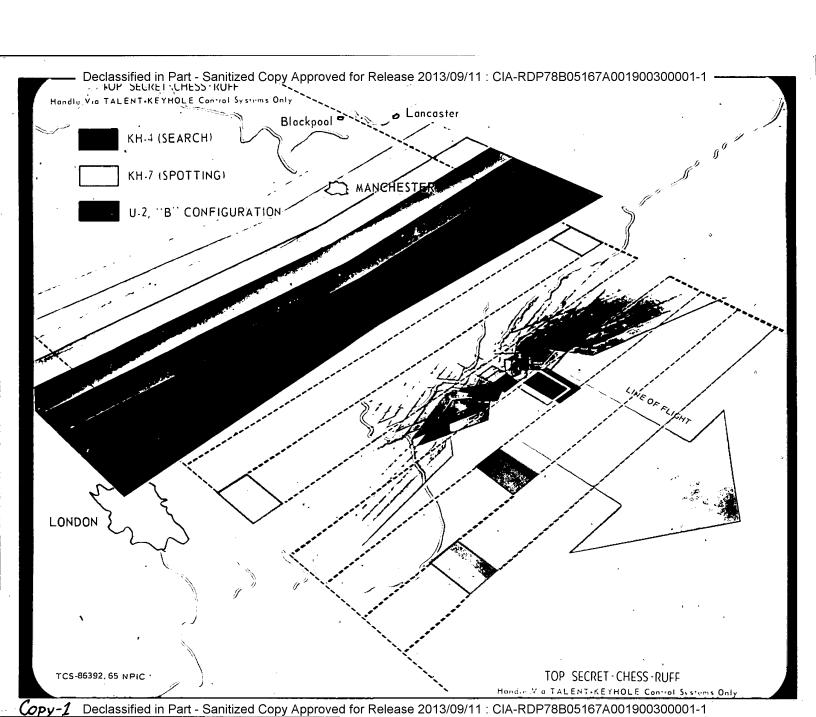


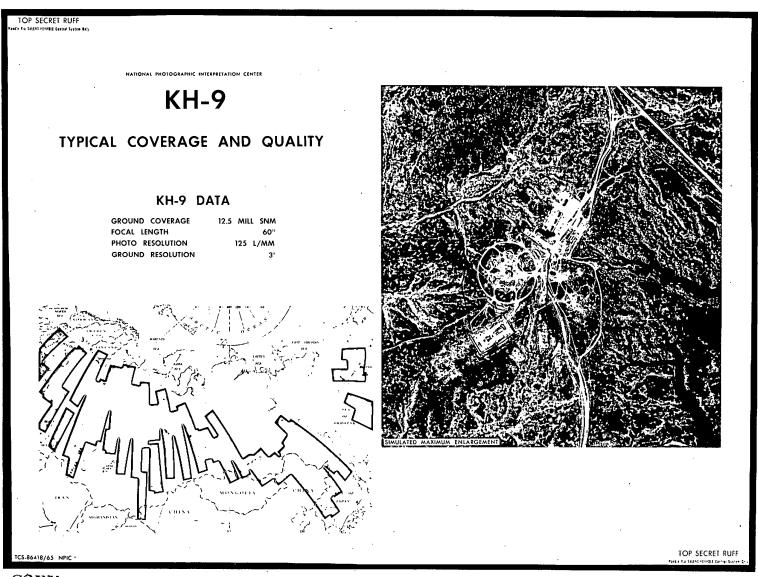




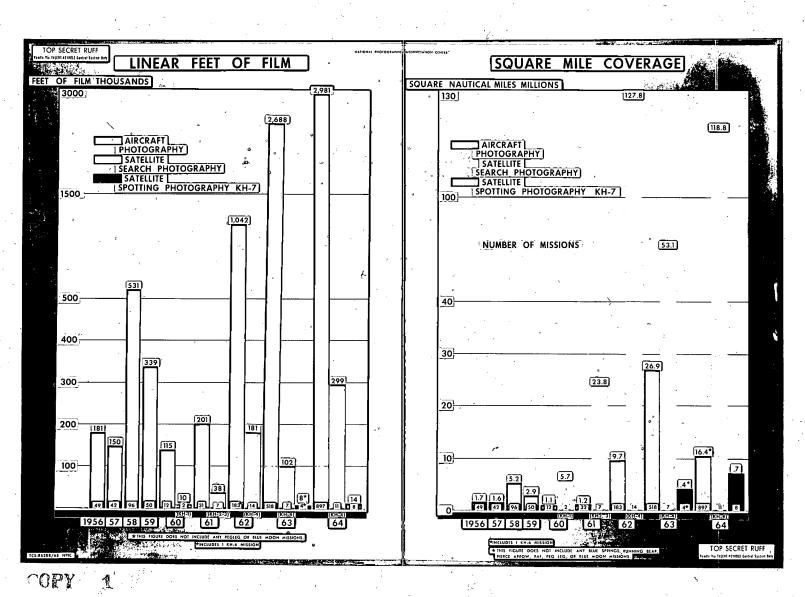


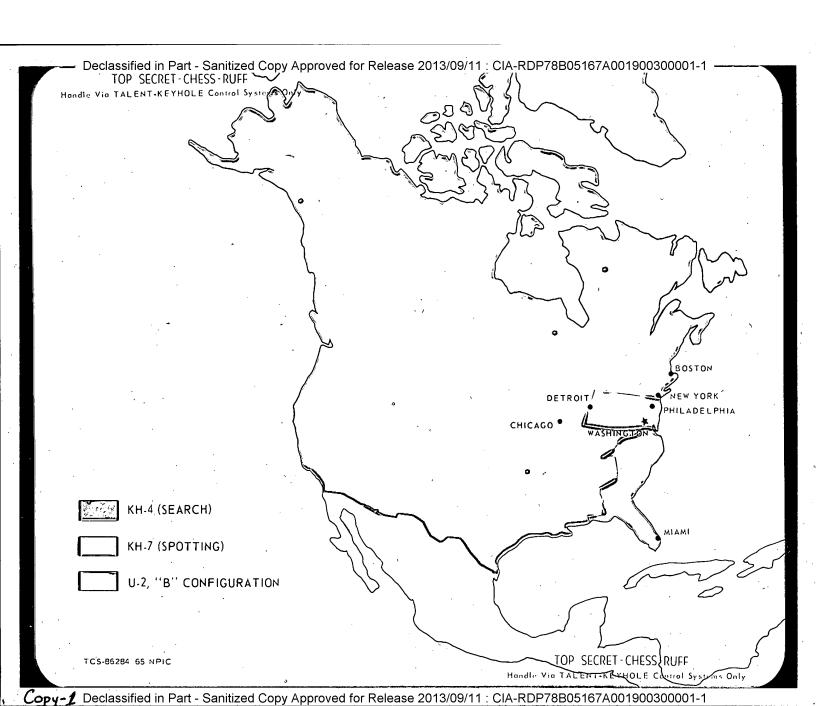


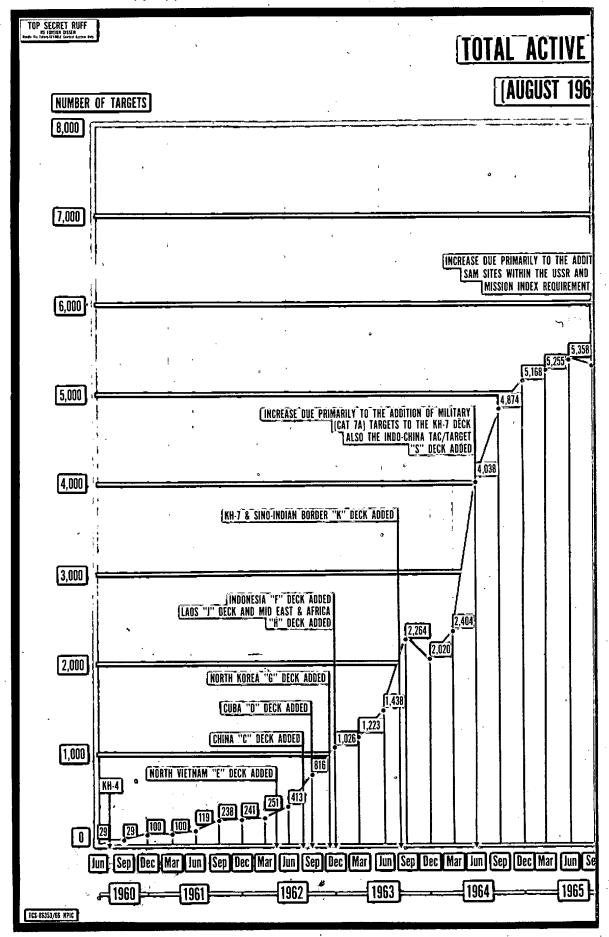




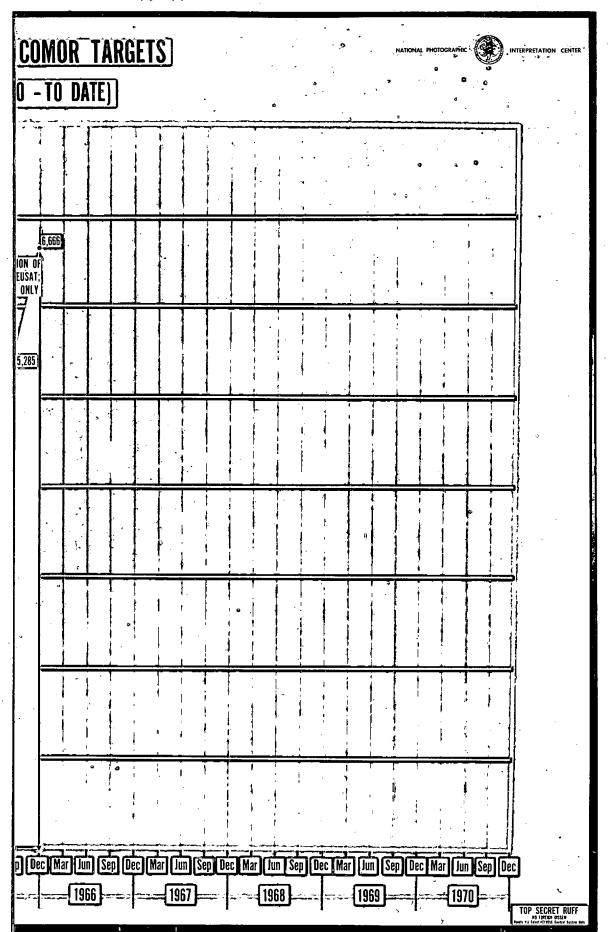
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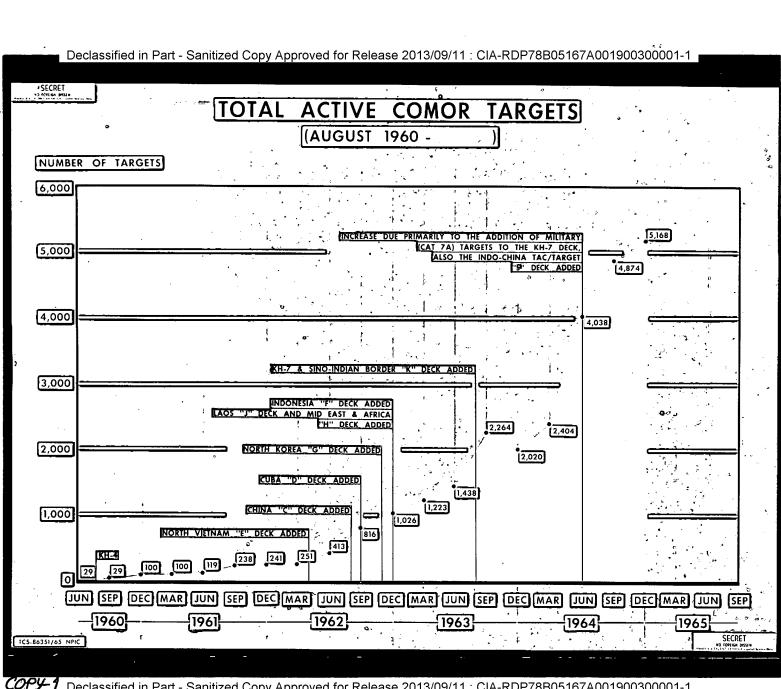






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# PROVIDES SUPPORT TO NPIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COORDINATES REQUIREMENT MATTERS WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND NPIC COMPONENTS

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## ADVISORY. COMMITTEE (ADCOM)

# ESTABLISHED IN 1961 BY JOINT AGREEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE USIB MEMBER AGENCIES TO

- ADVISE D/NPIC ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTER IN KEEPING WITH
  THE NEEDS OF USIB MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS
- ADVISE D/NPIC ON OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS AND POLICIES OF THE CENTER
- REVIEW PI WORK REQUESTS IN ORDER TO
  - ASCERTAIN NATIONAL OR DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES
  - ASCERTAIN RELATIVE SIGNIFICANCE AND URGENCY OF NATIONAL WORK REQUESTS
  - 1 TESTABLISH NATIONAL WORK ORDER PRIORITIES

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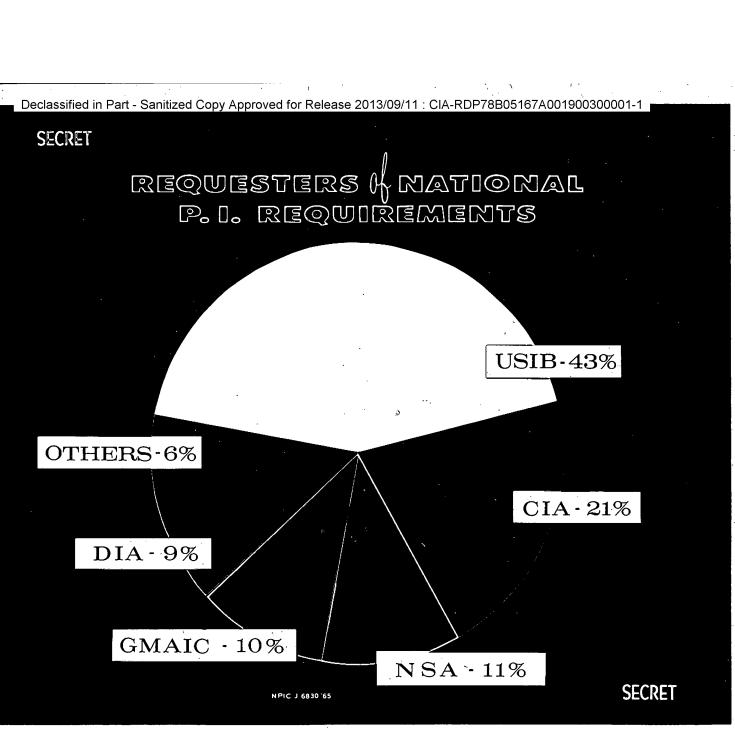
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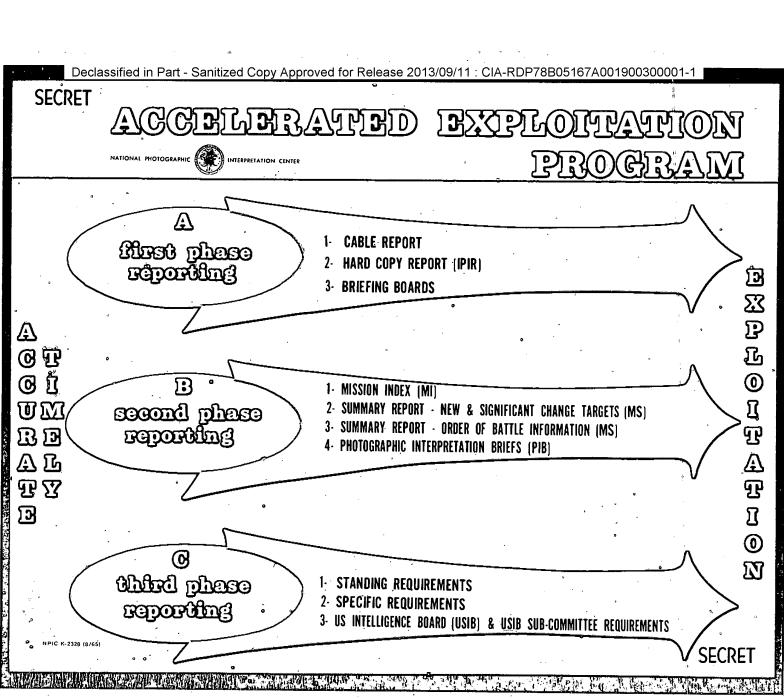
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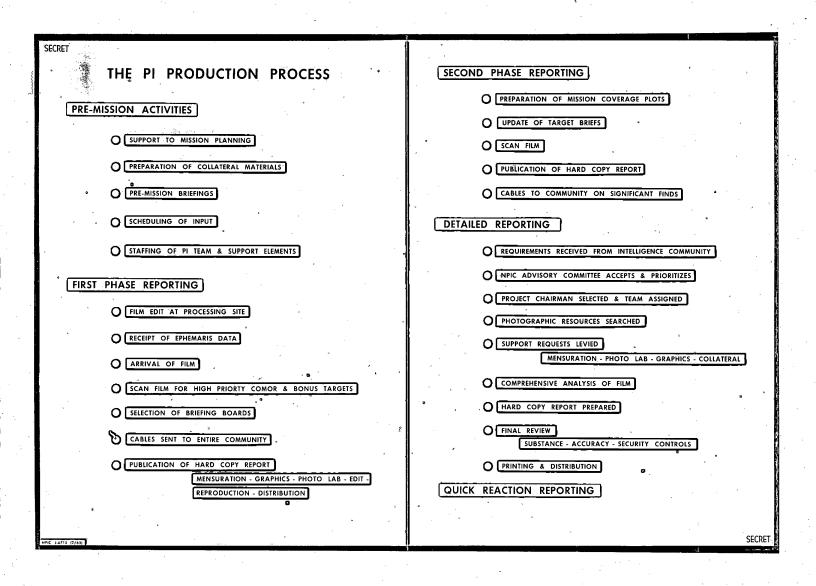
#### PRIORITY GUIDE FOR NPIC SUPPORT OF PI REQUIREMENTS

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, Weight	Subject Matter	Weight	Due Date	Significance of Photo Contribution	Disseminated Information
0	Developments designated as CRITICAL by competent authority	0 /	ASAP	Only Source	None
•5	Major developments in Bloc military capabilities, with particular reference to Soviet nuclear delivery capabilities (new ICEM, IREM, NREM complexes), Soviet development of new or significantly improved offensive or defensive weapons systems (AEM activities, new developments at R&D test ranges, newly configured ICEM, IREM, MREM sites, new LR Aircraft, GM Submarines, nuclear weapons testing), and Chinese development of nuclear weapons and related delivery systems. Electronic and communication facilities associated with or related to these high priority targets. Critically important economic and scientific and technical developments in Communist countries (the USSR, Poland, E. Germany, Czech., Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Albania, Outer Mongolia, Communist China, N. Korea, N. Vietnam, and Cuba).	1	15 days	Major Source	Preliminary (Cable, OAK, IPIR, MCI)
1	Facilities in support of Soviet, Chinese Communist, and Cuban military capabilities:  Operational area stockpiles, air defense (including SAMs, EW, etc.); additional ICEW, IREM, MREM sites of known configuration at known complexes; tactical mission sites, BW/CW; priority Soviet atomic energy activities; and related electronic and communication facilities.	2	16-30 days	Contributing Source	Detailed Report (not current)
1.5	Non-Block nuclear energy R&D, production of nuclear materials, and use of such materials for weapons and other purposes; non-Block development of guided missiles and other advanced weapons systems to include related electronics.	3	31-60 days	Minor Source	Detailed Report (current)
2	Non-Sov Bloc requirements, Sov-Bloc requirements other than those in above categories.	14	61 days or more	(Not applicable)	(Not applicable)
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# P.I. PRODUCTION PROCESS

## FIRST PHASE REPORTING

- 1A. "IMMEDIATE" RESPONSE TO HIGHEST PRIORITY COMOR OBJECTIVES
- 1B. REPORTING REMAINDER OF PRIORITY COMOR OBJECTIVES
- 1C. MISSION SCAN AND PUBLICATION OF MISSION INDEX

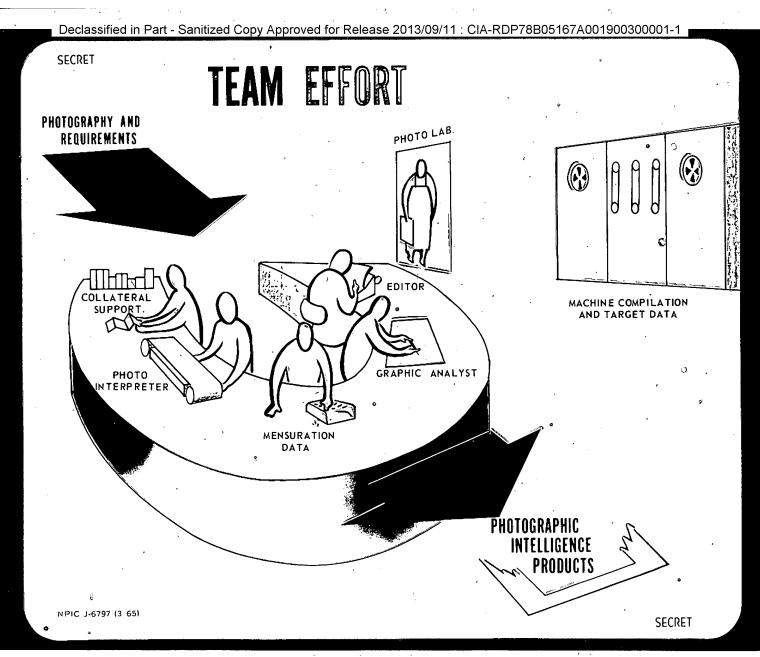
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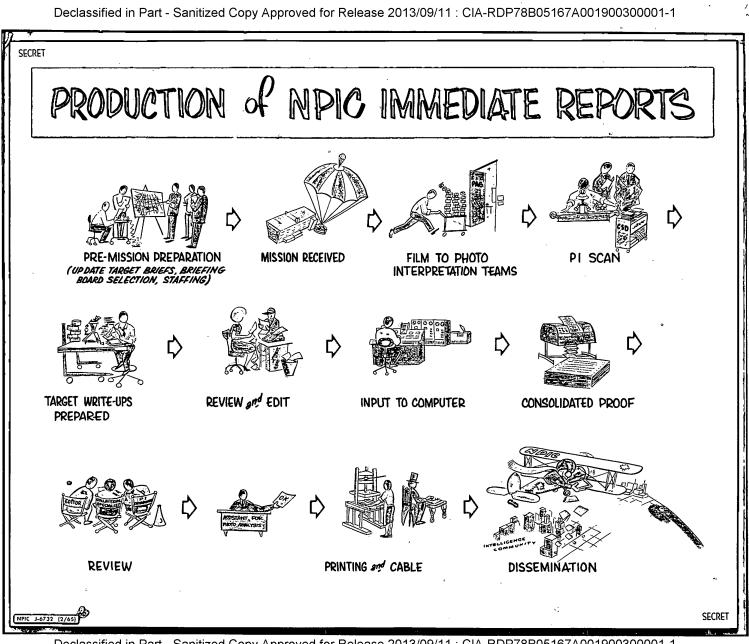
- 2A. BASIC WRITE-UPS OF NEW TARGETS
- 2B. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO KNOWN INSTALLATIONS
- 2C. ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION

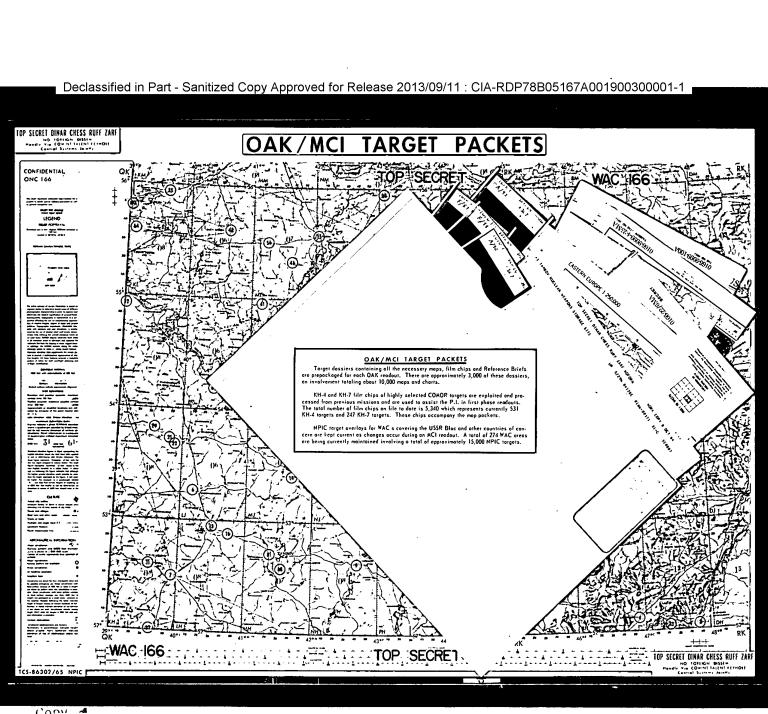
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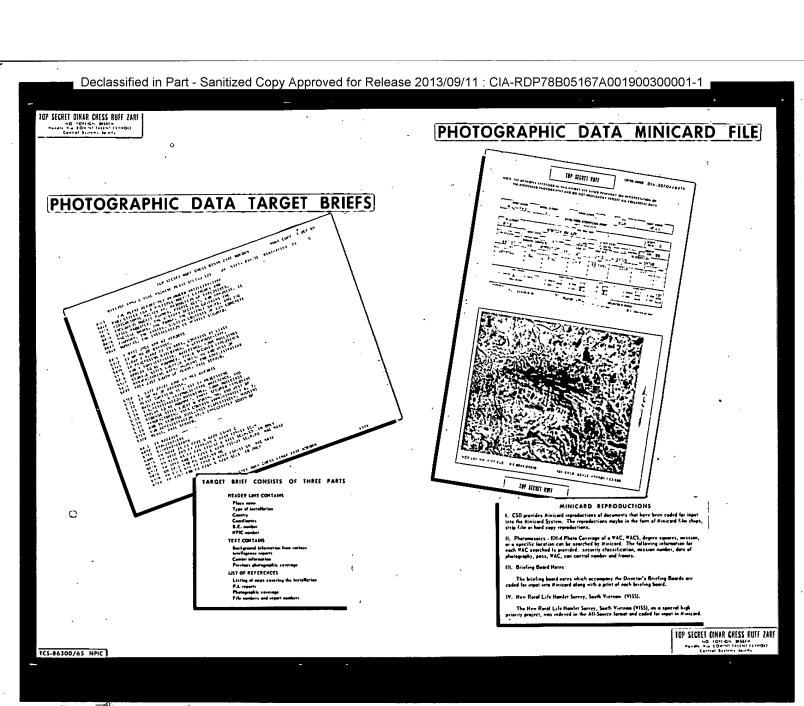
- 3A. REPORTING IN DETAIL ON STANDING REQUIREMENTS
- 3B. SPECIAL SEARCHES AND RESPONSES
- 3C. SPECIAL DETAILED REPORTS

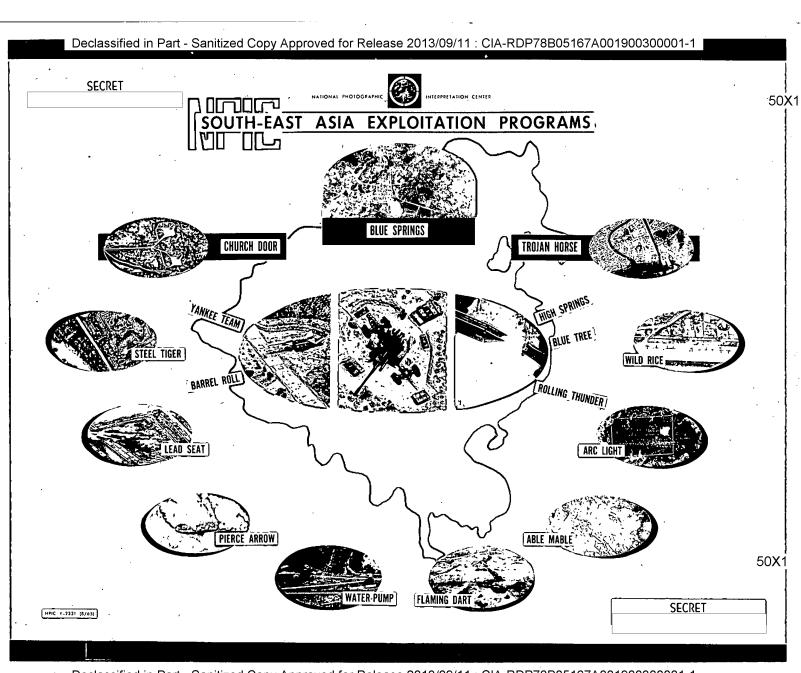
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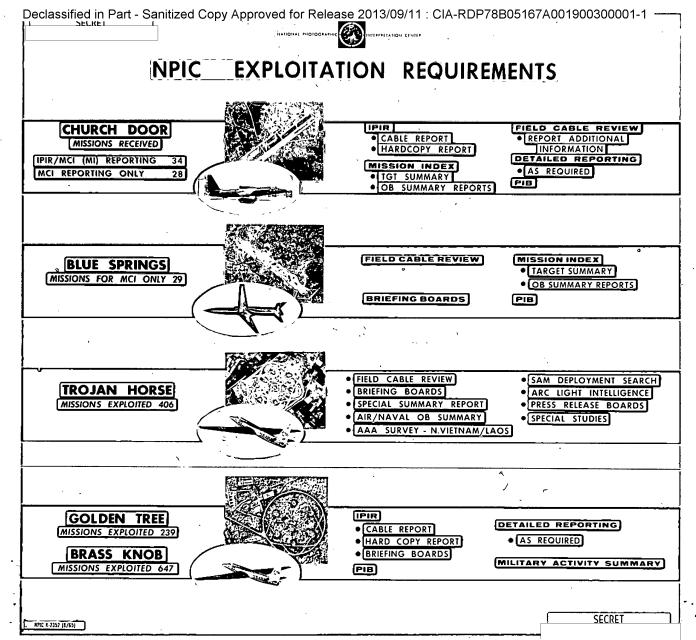


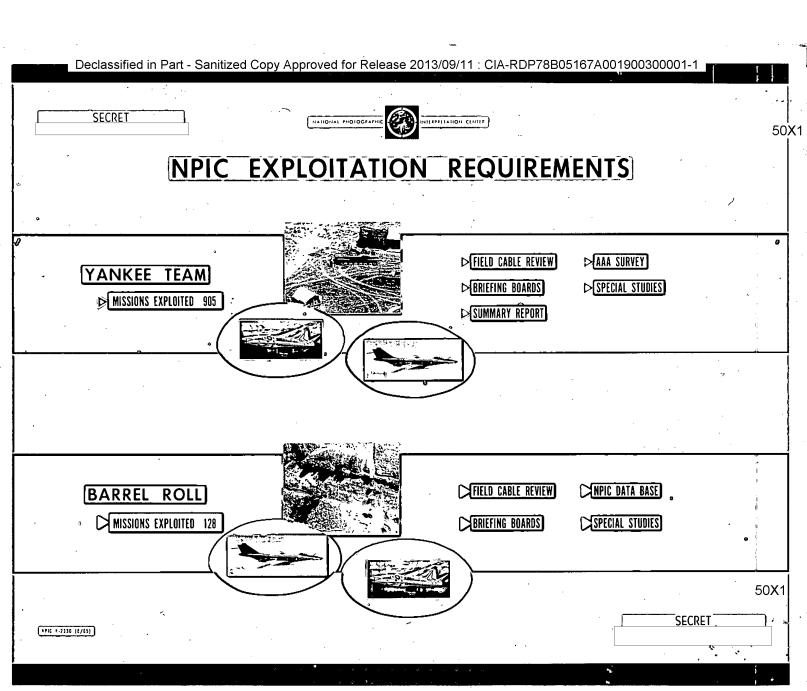


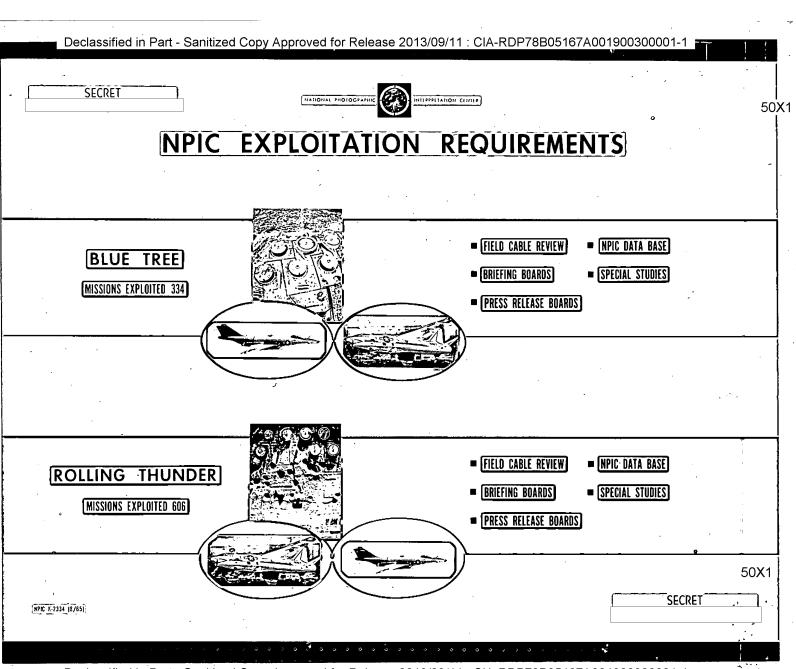


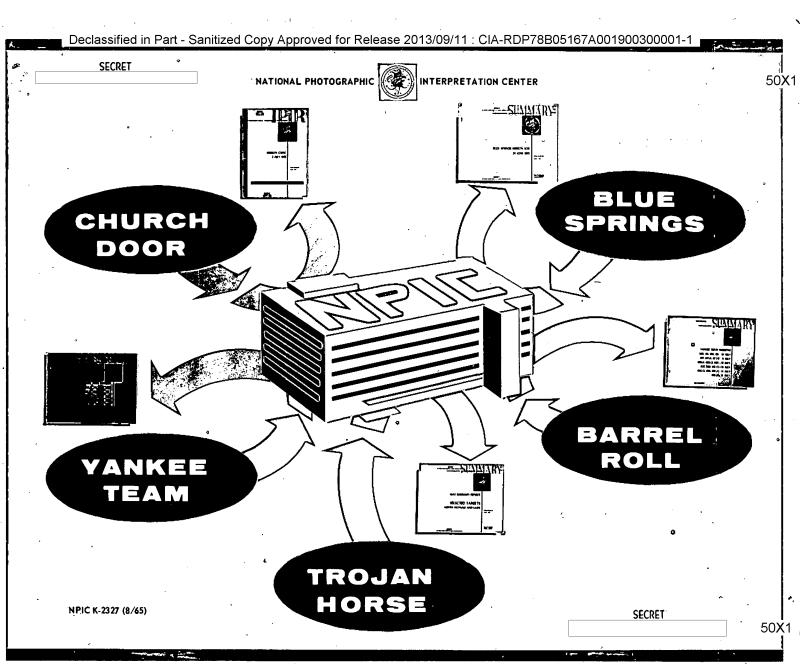


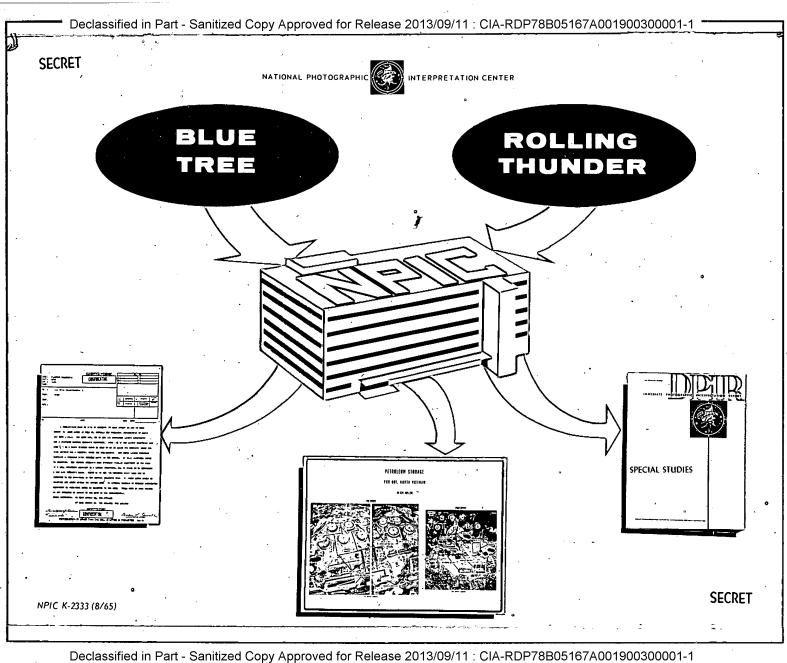
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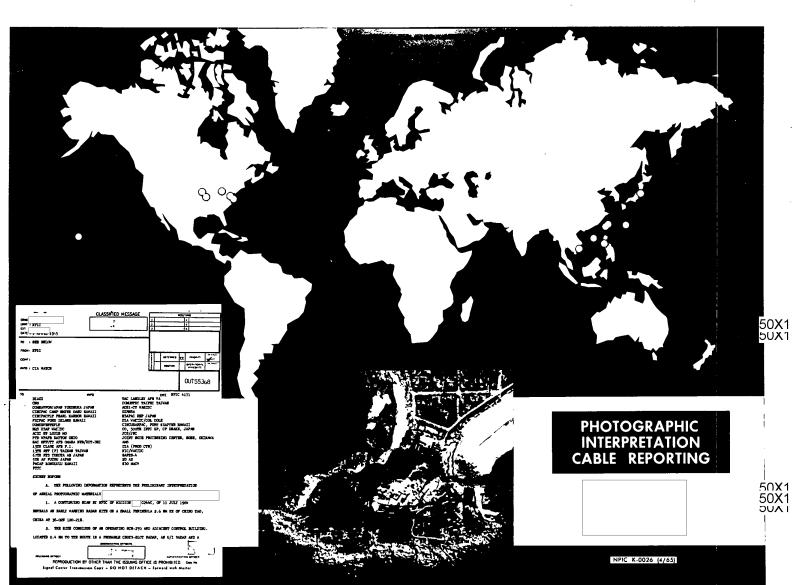












#### **AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

MISSION TYPE	AREA COVERED	PROCESSING SITE	READOUT SITE
Golden Tree	Cuba	Barksdale AFB, Louisiana NRTSC Suitland, Md.	NPIC NPIC
Church Door	China China China, North Korea	CNAF Taiwan Yokota Eastman, Westover	67th RTS Yokota 67th RTS Yokota NPIC
Trojan Horse	North Vietnam, South Vietnam, Laos	Tan Son Nhut AB (AF)	2 AIR DIV
Yankee Team	Laos	Tan Son Nhut AB (AF) Udorn AB (AF)	13th RTS 15th RTF
Yankee Team	Laos	CINCPACFLT (N)	· CINCPACFLT (CVAS)
Blue Tree	North Vietnam	Tan Son Nhut (AF) Udorn (AF) CINCPACFLT (N)	13th RTS 15th RTF CINCPACFLT
Rolling Thunder	North Vietnam	Tan Son Nhut AB (AF) Udorn (AF)	13th RTS 15th RTF
Barrel Roll	Laos	Tan Son Nhut AB (AF) CINCPACELT (N)	13th RTS CINCPACFLT
Steel Tiger	North Vietnam Laos	Tan Son Nhut AB (AF) CINCPACFLT (N)	13th RTS CINCPACFLT
Market Time	South Vietnam	Tan Son Nhut AB (AF)	13th RTS
Water Pump	Laos	Tan Son Nhut AB (AF)	13th RTS
Blue Spring (Drone)	North Vietnam, China	Tan Son Nhut AB (AF)	13th RTS

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