

NPIC/D-316-70
9 October 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Release of "B" Configuration Camera Data [redacted]

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1. In early October 1970 [redacted] with DIA reported that [redacted] photo interpreters were having problems with the photographic format of B-configuration camera material which the [redacted] had been receiving. The major problems suspected were in measuring objects on the imagery and in locating each frame of photography as it related to maps or other ground information.

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2. A telephone conversation between [redacted] (Chief, Special Activities Office, DIA) and [redacted] (Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence, CIA) determined that this problem might be best solved by the release of "B" camera configuration data [redacted]. This data would cover only the operation of the "B" camera on [redacted] missions.

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3. [redacted] (Deputy Director, NPIC) on 7 October and related the conclusions of his conversation with [redacted]. At the same time, [redacted] advised [redacted] that [redacted] of DIAAX would be the action officer. [redacted] was to visit NPIC and work out the necessary details to implement the [redacted] agreement.

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4. [redacted] arrived at the NPIC promptly at 1000 on 7 October for a meeting held in [redacted] office. NPIC attendees at the meeting included [redacted] and the undersigned from the Office of the Director; [redacted] of APSD/TSG; and Mr. [redacted] of RRD/PSG.

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5. At the outset of the meeting it was determined that only Modes 3 and 4 had been used in [redacted] overflights utilizing the "B" camera configuration. The system has five modes. Explanations of only Modes 3 and 4 of the B configuration were to be released to [redacted] based on the previously established ground rules. In order to prevent confusion Modes 3 and 4 would be relabelled Modes A and B in the data released [redacted]. The group concluded that an explanation of the data block, the "K" factor (aircraft altitude), and a schematic illustrating the camera orientation for Modes 3 and 4 of the "B" camera would be sufficient in answering the requirement.

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6. The meeting concluded at 1030. [Redacted] left with working papers which will be the basis for the information to be released. [Redacted] indicated that prior to the final dissemination of the camera data [Redacted] that he will forward a copy to NPIC for review and retention.

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Assistant to the Director, NPIC

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