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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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Section I (Approval of Minutes, Briefings, and Reports on Operations)

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1. The Executive Secretary suggested that as proposed amendments to COMIREX-M-58 were confined to amendments made by members to their own statements, the changes need not be reviewed in detail. Members approved [Redacted] proposal to publish replacement pages.

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Operational Briefing--Satellite

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2. [Redacted] reported the satellite operations schedule as of 16 January as shown below:

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1106 - Scheduled 5 February 1969

Estimated 1st bucket recovery - 13 February 1969, 1730L
Estimated 2nd bucket recovery - 20 February 1969, 1730L

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Film processing/distribution:

- Estimated arrival 1st bucket at Eastman Kodak - 14 Feb, 1300L
- Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 1 in D.C. - 17 Feb, 1100L
- Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 2 in D.C. - 18 Feb, 1100L
- Estimated arrival 2nd bucket at Eastman Kodak - 21 Feb, 1300L
- Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 1 in D.C. - 24 Feb, 1100L
- Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 2 in D.C. - 25 Feb, 1100L

Projected stereo coverage:

- 1st bucket - Land area - 1.68 million sq. n.m.
Targets - 2,400
- 2nd bucket - Land area - 1.68 million sq. n.m.
Targets - 2,400

1050 - Scheduled 19 March 1969

Estimated 1st bucket recovery - 27 March 1969, 1730L

Estimated 2nd bucket recovery - 4 April 1969, 1730L

Film processing/distribution:

- Estimated arrival 1st bucket at Eastman Kodak - 28 March, 1300L
- Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 1 in D.C. - 31 March, 1100L
- Estimated arrival 1st bucket Priority 2 in D.C. - 1 April, 1100L
- Estimated arrival 2nd bucket at Eastman Kodak - 5 April, 1300L
- Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 1 in D.C. - 8 April, 1100L
- Estimated arrival 2nd bucket Priority 2 in D.C. - 9 April, 1100L

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Projected stereo coverage:

1st bucket - Land area - 2.80 million sq. n.m.
Targets - 2,400

2nd bucket - Land area - 2,80 million sq. n.m.
Targets - 2,400

1051 - Scheduled 7 May 1969

Estimated 1st bucket recovery - 15 May 1969
Estimated 2nd bucket recovery - 23 May 1969

1107 - Scheduled 9 July 1969

Estimated 1st bucket recovery - 18 July 1969
Estimated 2nd bucket recovery - 27 July 1969

Report on Aircraft Activities - Far East

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3. [redacted] confirmed the continued standdown of IDEALIST/TACKLE and FOOD FAIR overflights of China. [redacted] then reported GIANT SCALE activities for the period 10-16 January as shown below. He noted that the 10 January mission ^{was scheduled to acquire} acquired photography of a target in North Vietnam (Xom Ap Lo Ammo Depot) on which we had never had baseline photography.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>AREAS/TARGETS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
10 Jan	GS097	Hoa Lac Afld/Xom Ap Lo Ammo Depot; Seg Rtes 101, RR 7, Rte 1A, RR 4, WW 19/Dong Suong Afld	Fair

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4. During the period 10-16 January, [redacted] reported six successful BUMPY ACTION sorties, one loss and one crash on recovery; status of the payload of the latter not as yet known. Details are given below.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>AREAS/TARGETS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
10 Jan	Q224 (High)	Rte 10, Thanh Hoa RR Bypass, Thanh Hoa Transp Pt, Ferry	Lost
11 Jan	Q877 (Low)	Bac Mai Afld, Gia Lam Afld, Yen Vien RR Yds	Successful, MARS
11 Jan	Q252 (High)	DMZ/Miu Gia Pass, Rte 15	Successful, MARS
12 Jan	Q885 (Low)	Haiphong Area	Successful, MARS
12 Jan	Q834 (Low)	Nam Dinh Tpp, RR 4, Phu Ly RR Yds	Successful, MARS
14 Jan	Q879 (Low)	Ile Bach Long	Successful, MARS
16 Jan	Q870 (Low)	Haiphong, Kien An Afld, Nam Dinh Trans Pt, Rte 1A	Successful, MARS
16 Jan	Q847 (Low)	Gia Lam Afld, Nam Dinh Tpp, Nam Dinh Trans Pt, Bac Mai Afld	Crashed on recovery Status unknown at this time

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5. [Redacted] reported collection activity against two priority South China/North Vietnam requirements as follows:

a. Coverage of Lines of Communications (LOC) pertinent to the introduction of Chinese forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966). The number of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam remains at 142. For the period 9-15 January 1969 surveillance coverage was reported on one priority target in South China and eight priority targets in North Vietnam. The specific targets are underlined in Tab A.

b. Coverage of North Vietnam to detect the possible introduction or deployment of offensive missile systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1967 and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967) is shown on the grid map at Tab B for the period 2-8 January 1969. No SSM activity was observed.

Report on Aircraft Activities--Cuba

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6. [Redacted] reported GLASS LAMP activities for the period 10-16 January as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
10 Jan	G063	Successful, 31.4%
14 Jan	G064	Successful, 5.7%

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
8 Jan	G062	12.6%	84.1%
10 Jan	G063	31.4%	92.7%
14 Jan	G064	5.7%	93.0%

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7. [Redacted] reported that for the 56-day period beginning 21 November 1968, 11 GLASS LAMP missions were flown over Cuba and provided 93 percent coverage of the area. During this period 177 of the [Redacted] targets in Cuba were covered completely on cloud-free photography not including the most recent missions flown on 14 January 1969.

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Report from Imagery Collection Requirements Subcommittee

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2. Initial priorities for [Redacted] were submitted to the NRO this morning.

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3. The Chairman, ICRS, distributed copies of the monthly summary of CCRP status as of 31 December (See Tab C). [Redacted] pointed out that coverage did not fall down to the extent it was feared when three days were lost on [Redacted].

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Report from Data Base Working Group

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4. [Redacted] reported that the DBWG will be visiting the Army Map Service on 21 January on the indexing problem discussed earlier.

5. The DBWG is discussing what third-phase reporting information should be included in the data base. There will be a report on this later this month.

6. There will be a delay in getting out the Resource Information Report which was due on 15 January because some of the information needed to compile the report will not be supplied to the DBWG until the first of February.

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Report from Exploitation Research and Development Subcommittee

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7. [Redacted] reported that EXRAND has two trips planned--one in March aboard the John F. Kennedy to see their HOC IOIC in operation and one in May to Perkin-Elmer and Eastman Kodak.

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8. The Technical Task Team has completed its report to EXRAND. It is anticipated that EXRAND will submit a report and brief COMIREX, probably sometime in May, after its members have had an opportunity to review and discuss the task team effort.

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9. [Redacted] reported that EXRAND has made several recommendations to the Community on joint procurement of reconnaissance equipment.

10. As a result of discussions at yesterday's EXRAND meeting, it was the consensus that there is a real need for a small coordinating team to follow procurement plans of the various agencies and to advise EXRAND of potential duplications or other problems.

11. EXRAND feels that it should have representation at the World-wide Photographic Equipment Seminar in August and at the Silver Recovery Seminar next month.

Report from Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy Working Group

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12. With regard to inclusion of [Redacted] on the KH-4B, [Redacted] reported that data reduction planning is being based on information provided by NRO that [Redacted] would be included on four missions beginning in March 1970. [Redacted] indicated that he has asked the program officer on the West Coast to identify to COMIREX, in its 4 February briefing, the penalty for having this device on four birds beginning with the March 1970 launch.

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Section IV (Action Items)

COSMOS Reconnaissance Missions as Potential Indicators

*See Soviet Satellite
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1. [Redacted] distributed copies of a draft report of the special task force set up last week (COMIREX-M-59, Special Briefing II, paragraph 5) to look into the usefulness of data

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4. The Chairman requested that COMIREX members look into the matter with their parent agencies and be prepared to state their views at next week's meeting. [Redacted] suggested that individual agencies may wish to levy a requirement on NSA for information on what [Redacted] [Redacted] through their normal channels but he felt that COMIREX should go on record as needing the information for its own targeting purposes.

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Section VI (Other Business)

CCPC Request for Information on Assets Devoted to Cuba

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1. The Chairman advised COMIREX that the Critical Collection Problems Committee has circularized the Community for information concerning assets being devoted to Cuba. He reported that his reply will state the current COMIREX requirements for coverage of Cuba, as approved by the Board, and will indicate what is being done to try to satisfy them. Resources devoted to the actual collection, processing, and readout presumably will be reported by the components involved.

Use of Delta III Camera over Cuba

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2. The Chairman, ICRS, reported that his Subcommittee has studied the question of continuing the use of the Delta III camera over Cuba and is recommending that its use not be continued beyond February. The overriding consideration in arriving at this recommendation was the fact that the U-2R, which will be used over Cuba beginning in February, cannot handle the Delta camera without costly modifications. COMIREX approved the ICRS recommendation.

Need for Camera Attitude Accuracy Data in the

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3. The Chairman referred members to a short draft statement concerning the NPIC need for camera attitude accuracy in [Redacted] and explained that the memorandum was written to reflect the COMIREX position that, although NPIC did not need attitude accuracy data for positioning since DoD is tasked to provide this information, they do need sufficiently accurate data to carry out the mensuration for which NPIC is responsible.

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4. Following discussion, it was agreed that the draft statement should be rewritten to state the need for camera attitude accuracy as a requirement to the NRO. [Redacted] will prepare the new memorandum and coordinate it with [Redacted] and with [Redacted] prior to submitting it again to COMIREX for approval at next week's meeting.

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Proposed COMIREX Orientation Tour

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5. [Redacted] provided COMIREX members with a proposed itinerary for the orientation tour to various agencies on the West Coast. The main itinerary provides for departure from Washington on 2 February and return on 7 February and provides for visits to [Redacted] mockup facilities at Huntington Beach; Sunnyvale; and Beale Air Force Base. An optional extension of the tour on the 10th and 11th would provide a visit to Edwards Air Force Base for a U-2 orientation tour and to San Diego for an update on drone capabilities.

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Guidelines for Dealing with Government Agencies Outside the Intelligence Community

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6. The Chairman reported that Admiral Taylor had called a special session of all USIB Committee Chairmen on behalf of the Director of Central Intelligence to suggest that with the advent of a new administration it would be well to review approved procedures for dealing with requests for information from non-intelligence agencies of the government and insure that present practices are bureaucratically sound. [Redacted] emphasized that no one is to discuss the official business of COMIREX with representatives of any government agency, BOB would be the most obvious example, before USIB action has been taken; at which point it is up to [Redacted]

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as Director, NIPE, to release information. Particular care should be exercised in avoiding discussion of any divergent views on an item of COMIREX concern. [Redacted] recommended that a simple "rule of thumb", if approached by representatives of non-USIB agencies for information, would be to say that you are not at liberty to talk to them until you discuss their request with the Chairman, COMIREX.

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Executive Secretary

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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