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on 17, 23, & 24*

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MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT

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CHAIRMAN: [Redacted]

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CIA: [Redacted] Navy: Capt. L. W. Moffit
State: Mr. L. A. Moyer, Jr. Air Force: Col. C. E. Phipps
25X1A DIA: [Redacted] NSA: [Redacted] 25X1A
Army: Lt. Col. R. N. Barry

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Office of the Chairman: [Redacted] Executive Secretary

CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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NPIC: [Redacted] Security: [Redacted] 25X1A
NRO: [Redacted]

SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPRESENTATION

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ICRS: [Redacted] SDWG: [Redacted]
EXSUB: [Redacted] NIDBWG: [Redacted]
EXRAN: [Redacted] MCGWG: [Redacted]

ALTERNATES AND OBSERVERS PRESENT

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CIA: [Redacted] Navy: [Redacted]
DIA: [Redacted] NPIC: [Redacted] 25X1A

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NPIC Report on Highlights of [Redacted]

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

Approval of Minutes

1. COMIREX-M-76 and COMIREX-M-77 were approved without change.

Operational Briefing--Satellite

2. [redacted] reported satellite operations and scheduling as shown on page 8. [redacted] commented that the schedule is under review to take into account the advent of the [redacted] and other considerations and that he expects to have a revised schedule before the next COMIREX meeting.

Report on Aircraft Activities--Far East

4. The DIA member reported that, of 27 BUMPY ACTION missions flown over North Vietnam during the period 15 August - 4 September 1969, 18 were successful and nine were lost. Questioned as to the causes of the losses, [redacted] answered that it is not known whether losses over Vietnam are due to technical problems or are the result of enemy action. Two of the nine lost crashed in the water. Details of the BUMPY ACTION missions follow:

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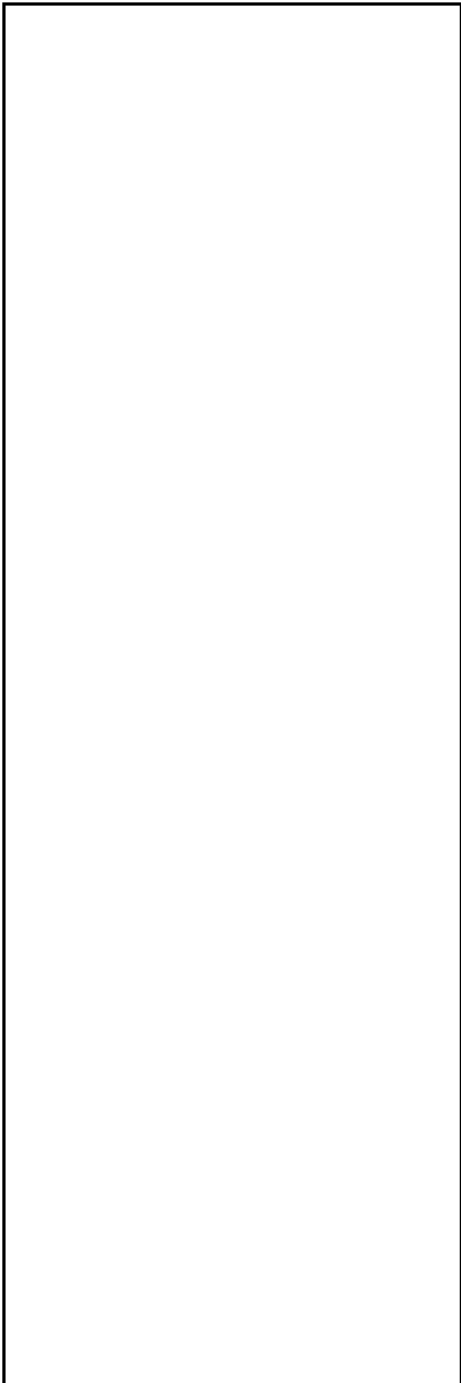
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BUMPY ACTION ACTIVITIES

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RESULTS

Haiphong Nav Base, Haiphong RR Yard West, Kien An Afld	MARS
An Khe Army Bks, Haiphong Port Fac	MARS
SAM 263, Bac Mai Afld, Hanoi Port Fac, Yen Vien RR Yd	Lost
VW 19A, Bai Thuong Afld, Vinh RR, Vinh Army Bks, Ben Thuy Cave Stor	MARS
Cam Pha Port, Kep RR Yd, Kep Afld	Lost
Hanoi Port Fac, Gia Lam Afld, Yen Vien RR Yd	MARS
DMZ, Rte 1A and 101, Vinh Compl, Bai Thuong Afld	MARS
Kien An Afld, Rtes 10, 1A	MARS
Uong Bi TPP, Haiphong Nav Base, Haiphong RR Yd	MARS
Hoa Lac Afld, SAM Site	Lost
Hanoi Port Fac, Gia Lam Afld, Yen Vien RR Yd	Lost, crashed in water
SAM 334, Hon Gai Port Fac, Port Wallut Nav Base	MARS
An Khe Army Bks, Haiphong Port Fac	Lost
Vinh Afld, Vinh Compl, Rte 1A & RR, Dong Hoi	MARS

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AREAS/TARGETS

RESULTS

WW 19A, Bai Thuong Afld, Vinh RR, Vinh Army Bks, Ben Thuy Cave Stor	MARS
Haiphong Port Fac, Cat Bi Afld	MARS
Gia Lam Afld	MARS
Bai Thuong Afld, Rte 15, 1A, 101, Dong Hoi Afld, DMZ	MARS
Kien An Afld	Lost, crashed in water
Hanoi Port Fac, Gia Lam Afld, Yen Vien RR Yd	MARS
Haiphong Port Fac, Segs RR 3, 4, Rte 1A	Lost
Kien An Afld, Haiphong Nav Base	MARS
Phuc Yen Afld, Gia Lam Afld	Lost
Vinh Afld, Quan Lang Afld, Rte Segs 7, Bai Thuong Afld	MARS
Uong Bi TPP, Haiphong Nav Base & RR Sta	MARS
Rte 10 & RR, Nam Dinh TSP, Nam Dinh TPP, Rte 1A, Thanh Hoa TSP	Lost
Kien An Afld, Haiphong Nav Base, Haiphong RR Yd	MARS

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5. There was no FOOD FAIR activity to report. With regard to GIANT SCALE activities, [Redacted] reported the following four missions during the period 15 August - 4 September.

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AREAS/TARGETS

RESULTS

North Korea: DMZ, Nampo, Pyong Yang, Sunan Up Afld, Pyong Ni Afld, Kaesong RR Yd

Good

Yan Bai, Phuc Yen, Viet Tri, Hon Gai, Cam Pha, Rtes 8, 7, RR 2, 5, 1, 9, Rtes 46, 45, 19, 4, Hiep Hoa Afld

Fair

Cam Pha, Port Wallut, Tien Yen, Lang Son, Dong Dang, RR 2, Lao Cai, Lai Chau

Fair

Ninh Afld, Hoa Lac Afld, Dong Hoi Afld, Hwy Seg 1A, 82, 110, 101, Bai Thuong Afld, Dong Hoi TPP

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6. The CIA member reported that IDEALIST/TACKLE [Redacted] The mission covered an area along the coast from Matsu Island to Hong Kong. [Redacted] noted that the 303 Committee restriction of approaching no closer than twenty miles to the China mainland remains in effect.

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7. [Redacted] reported as follows on coverage of special targets in South China and North Vietnam:

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a. Surveillance coverage was reported on three priority Lines of Communication (LOC) targets pertinent to the introduction of Chinese forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966) during the period 28 August - 3 September. (See underlined targets in listing at Tab A.)* The number of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam was reduced to 337 with the deletion of twelve targets in South China.

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 21-27 August 1969. Four BUMPY ACTION missions flown during this time period and reported as successful have not been included on the map. No SSM activity was observed.

Report on Aircraft Activities--Cuba

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8. [Redacted] reported three OLD HEAD missions flown during the period 15 August - 4 September resulting in 91.7 percent cumulative net coverage during the period. Details are given below:

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	<u>Results</u>
	Successful, 55.5%
	Successful, 0.8%
	Successful, 12.7%

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	<u>Net</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
	55.5%	81.6%
	0.8%	81.9%
	12.7%	91.7%

*This will be the last time that the complete priority LOC target list will be reproduced and disseminated with the Minutes. In the future only the targets covered will be listed. Members who require an up-to-date list of priority targets are referred to the ICRS-D-6/18 series available through their ICRS member.

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9. [Redacted] reported that for the 56-day period beginning 10 July 1969 eight OLD HEAD missions were flown over Cuba and provided 91.7 percent coverage of the area. During this period 171 of the 187 targets in Cuba were covered completely on cloud-free photography, not including the most recent mission flown on 31 August.

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Section III (Subcommittee and Working Group Reports)

(Note: Some of the material presented by Subcommittee and Working Group Chairmen is reported in Sections IV and VI as indicated below.)

Report from Imagery Collection Requirements Subcommittee

(See paragraphs 4 and 5 of Section VI)

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Report from Data Base Working Group

(See paragraph 15, Section IV and paragraph 6, Section VI)

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1. [Redacted] reported that the Data Base Working Group has been working on a paper which describes the National Intelligence Data Base in some depth in an effort to provide a document basic to understanding what the data base is all about and requested an expression of whether or not COMIREX would be interested in such a report. The Chairman indicated that he felt such a report would be a useful document and directed [Redacted] to proceed with its preparation. [Redacted] estimated that the report will be available in two or three weeks.

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Report from Exploitation Research and Development Subcommittee

2. [Redacted] announced that there will be an EXRAND meeting on Wednesday, 10 September, at NPIC and invited COMIREX members to attend. A meeting of EXRAND's newly created Procurement Coordinating Team will follow the regular EXRAND meeting.

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Report from Mapping, Charting, and Geodesy Working Group

3. [Redacted] reported that the Mapping and Charting community is expecting a visit by [Redacted] for three weeks beginning 27 September. The subject of the visit is to be ADP exchange. However, [Redacted] said that the MC&G people are in touch through DIA with the deliberations of General Taylor's Automatic Data Exchange Working Group (ADEX). (Reference paragraph 15, Section IV, these Minutes)

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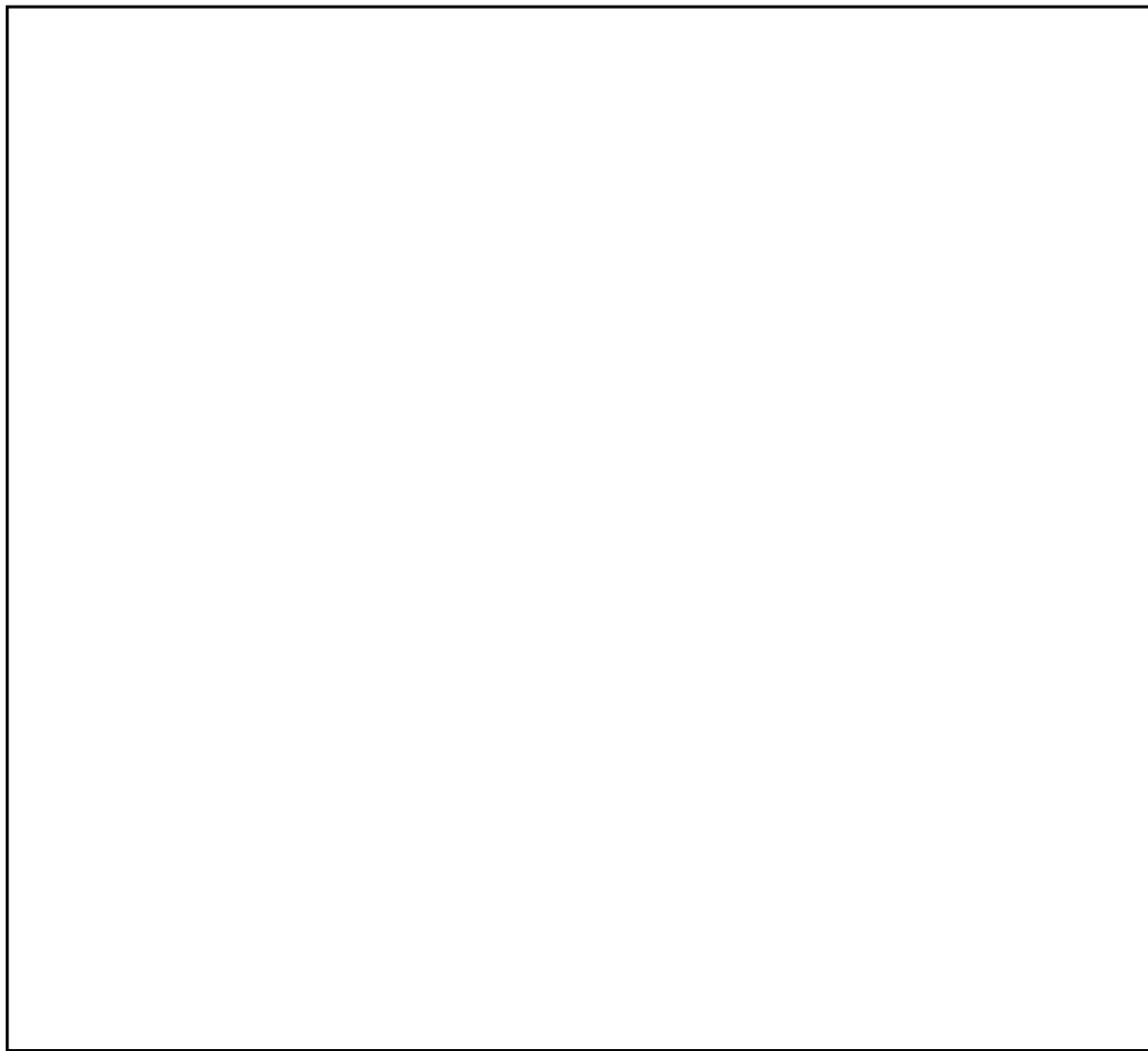
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4. [Redacted] reported that ICRS had been asked by the NRO to provide initial requirements for coverage of South China and North Vietnam for possible use of remaining developmental

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flights of the TAGBOARD vehicle. ICRS members were asked to submit any additional targets not included for [Redacted] and a new target deck incorporating them was then constructed and provided to NRO. [Redacted] commented that he understood there was some dialogue going on between the NRO and DIA on procedures for passing the targets to the JRC.

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5. [Redacted] cautioned that the NRO has not proposed to the 303 Committee that the final tests of TAGBOARD be flown in an operational environment but does plan to do so when they have all the information they need on priorities, tracks, etc.

6. In answer to a question regarding classification of the product of these missions if flown, the DIA member said that he believed the photography would be classified SECRET NO FOREIGN. He also stated that the film would be returned for processing at Eastman Kodak and readout by NPIC.

7. The State Department member believes that, since other drone photography of South China is SECRET, this could be also; but he felt that, if North Korea overflight was included, that photography would have to be handled separately (see paragraph 17, Section IV, these Minutes).

8. Since GIANT SCALE activity contributes a great deal to the satisfaction of North Korea requirements, it was the general consensus of those present that TAGBOARD coverage of South China should be regarded as primary for consideration with coverage of North Korea as an alternate.

Chairman's Report on Actions Involving the NRO U-2 Utilization Study Group

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9. The Chairman reported that he had briefed [Redacted] on 3 September in answer to the NRO request described in a cable to COMIREX members last week (OPCEN 0113) for a review of the

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use of U-2 aircraft. [Redacted] said that he provided information on the general status of standing requirements in various parts of the world and then reviewed Cuban requirements and the use of U-2s in their fulfillment. [Redacted] also reviewed the U-2 coverage in Southeast Asia and the relationship of that imagery to other systems and discussed the problem of coverage of China in particular and some of the operational problems in South China that regularly plague attempts at collection by satellite reconnaissance--weather and limited access.

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10. [Redacted] told COMIREX that Dr. Naka's interest at this particular time is to review the U-2 program from the NRO point of view, particularly in view of its having been stood down in the China area for quite a long period of time. The cost of maintaining a capability that is not being used on a regular basis has to be weighed against the value of having such a capability available. [Redacted] said that he felt that this is an important capability to retain since there is no substitute for it in terms of flexibility and the ability to deploy and use it on a world-wide basis quickly if needed.

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11. Reporting further on the meeting with Dr. Naka, [Redacted] said that Mr. Lawson Moyer had briefed on the general problem of obtaining political permission for this kind of overflight, pointing out that it is impossible to look ahead and predict with precision that an asset such as this will or will not be used. Mr. Moyer is arranging a briefing for Dr. Naka in the Department on the general political climate and the considerations that are involved in using a capability such as the U-2.

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12. [Redacted] indicated that Dr. Naka's ad hoc group will be continuing its study over the next month or so and, in anticipation of probable requests for additional briefings and for more specific information or guidance, [Redacted] requested COMIREX members to examine the views within their agencies with respect to requirements that the U-2 can be used against.

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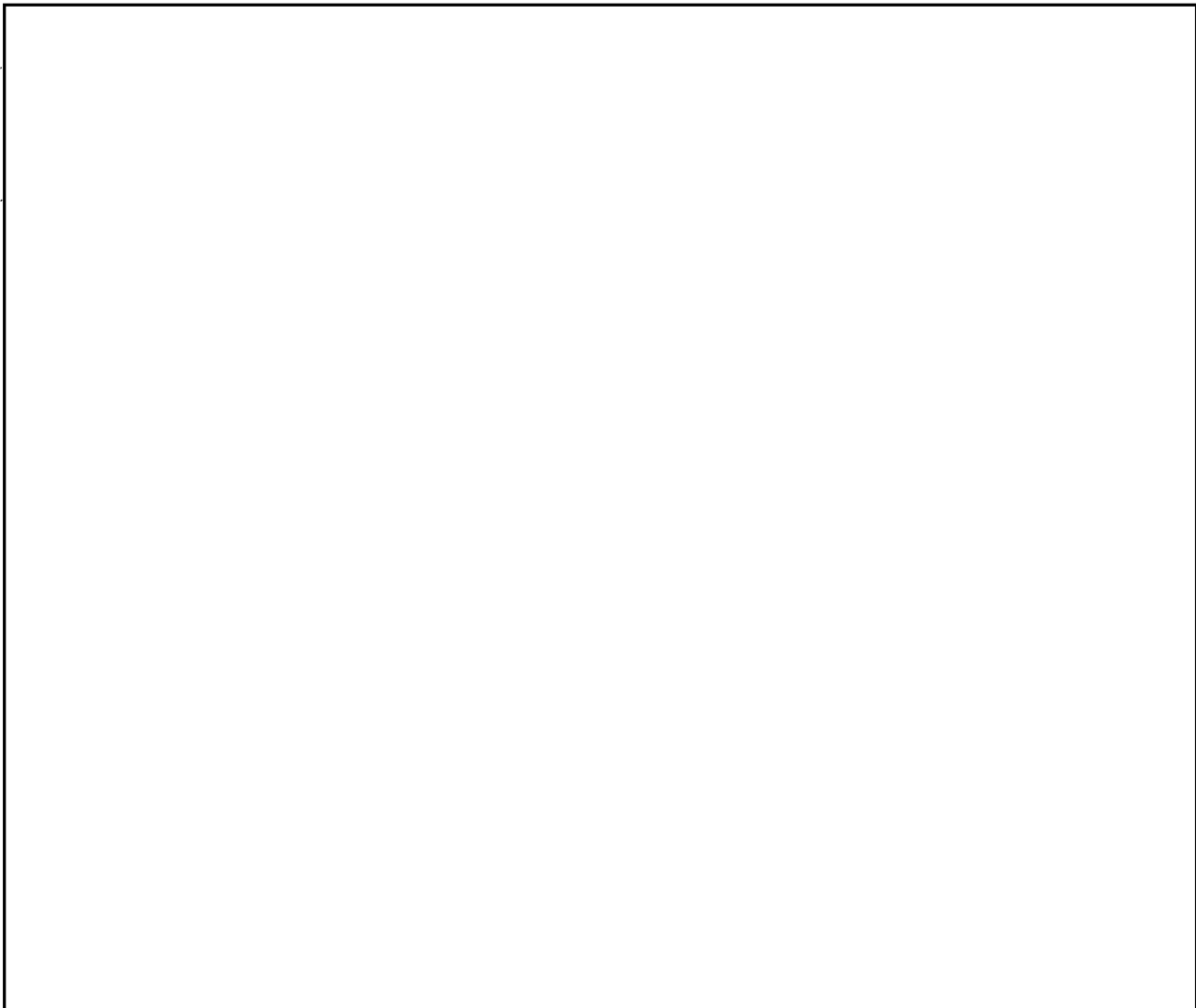
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DIA Request to Use and Identify GIANT SCALE Photography in Intelligence Reports

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14. Consideration of this item tabled by the Chairman, SDWG, was deferred pending COMIREX action on the handling of GIANT SCALE photography of North Korea raised by the State Department representative (see paragraphs 17 and 18 below).

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Standard Imagery Target Definitions (SITD) Program

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16. During discussion of the FY 1970 Basic Requirements papers submitted by EXSUBCOM for committee approval (see paragraph 1, Section V), the CIA member noted that four of the eleven papers under consideration contained a requirement for preparation of Standard Imagery Target Definitions (SITDs) on targets listed therein. He considered this to be an unauthorized continuation of the SITD program and ~~CIA could not approve the documents containing this requirement.~~ *and approved the basic requirements but withheld the approval of the requirement for the production of SITD*

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[Redacted] pointed out that although this issue had been before the Committee for some time now (see COMIREX-M-55, 21 November 1968, and COMIREX-M-58, 19 December 1968), COMIREX has never validated a requirement for SITD production and CIA continues to hold strong reservations as to the value and utility of such a program. In surveying his Agency's components he had found no significant need for the SITD product that would justify its probable costs. In the ensuing discussion the DIA representative and the Chairman, EXSUBCOM, stressed the potential value and importance of the SITD concept in the computerized data environment anticipated with the advent of near-real-time readout. They also felt the costs of future SITD production would be minimal since the sheets would replace photographs routinely included in Basic Reports and would not be produced as separate publications. On the basis of the varying views expressed in the discussion, the Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed that a sample test base of up to 100

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SITD items representative of various categories be selected by the Chairman, EXSUBCOM, assisted by a DIA representative. These are to be published by NPIC for review and assessment by member agencies as to utility of format and content and cost justification. EXSUBCOM will report back to the Committee at the earliest feasible date the results of this sample evaluation and make recommendations for COMIREX consideration and action. Pending completion of this evaluation, the Committee gave provisional approval only to the requirement for SITD preparation contained in four of the FY 1970 Basic Requirements papers under discussion.

Review of Procedures for Handling GIANT SCALE Materials Covering North Vietnam / KOREA

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17. The State member, Mr. Moyer, expressed the Department's concern over the relatively low classification and dissemination controls currently employed by the community in publications and documents containing photography and intelligence derived from GIANT SCALE missions overflying North Korea. In view of the highly sensitive political aspects of overflights of North Korea at present, the Department considers it vitally important to hold such information on a very limited need-to-know basis and requests that steps be taken to insure that stringent classification and distribution restrictions are applied in the intelligence community to publications or issuances in which any revelation of GIANT SCALE overflights is made and to reduce to an essential minimum the number of people who will be informed. The DIA member reviewed for the Committee the text of DIA's June 1969 instruction to appropriate field commands stressing the sensitivity of GIANT SCALE operations and products covering North Korea and setting forth strict limitations on the handling and use of these materials. He pointed out that upgrading the authorized basic security classification of SECRET NO FOREIGN would pose serious problems for the handling and use of GIANT SCALE materials in the field. The Chairman noted that in any case a distinction was clearly required between the rules for handling GIANT SCALE materials covering North Vietnam and those obtained over North Korea.

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18. Following discussion of various means by which State's requirements might be satisfied, the Chairman directed the Sanitization and Decontrol Working Group to urgently undertake a review of current procedures for handling GIANT SCALE materials on North Korea and submit for COMIREX approval recommended guidelines and instructions to insure appropriately secure handling and limited dissemination of these materials in the future. In the interim, [redacted] directed all agencies to take immediate steps to strictly limit access and distribution of GIANT SCALE materials on North Korea to those with authorized need-to-know.

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1. The following eleven FY 1970 Basic Requirements submitted by EXSUBCOM were approved for forwarding to the production offices indicated except that approval of the production of SITDs involved was provisional pending final COMIREX decision to be made following completion of an evaluation of a sample group of SITDs currently in production (see paragraph 16, Section IV, for discussion of SITDs).

<u>COMIREX Document No.</u>	<u>NTP Functional Area</u>	<u>Organization Responsible for Basic Reporting</u>
COMIREX-D-31.4-70/9	Strategic Weapons Industrial Facilities	NPIC
*COMIREX-D-31.4-70/10	General Purpose Weapons Industries	DIA
COMIREX-D-31.4-70/11	Naval Weapons	Navy
COMIREX-D-31.4-70/12	Imagery Interpretation (II) Keys	DIA Army Navy Air Force
*COMIREX-D-31.4-70/13	Elec/Commo/Radar R&D Facilities	NPIC
COMIREX-D-31.4-70/14	Deployed AMM Facilities	NPIC
COMIREX-D-31.4-70/15	Deployed SAM Facilities	DIA
*COMIREX-D-31.4-70/16	Air Base Facilities	DIA
*COMIREX-D-31.4-70/17	Naval Base Facilities	DIA
COMIREX-D-31.4-70/18	Deployed Tactical SSM Facilities	DIA
COMIREX-D-31.4-70/19	Missile Ranges--Tactical SSM Facilities	NPIC

*Basic Requirement calls for production of an SITD.

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2. [Redacted] distributed a chart showing the status of the preparation of FY 1970 Basic Requirements by NTP Functional Areas for the information of members. A copy is attached at Tab C.

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Section VI (Other Business)

Introduction of New Executive Secretary

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1. [Redacted] as the new Executive Secretary for the Committee. The Chairman observed that [Redacted] has had a wide variety of intelligence experience and that he felt the Committee was most fortunate in having [Redacted]

Use of STB on Mission 1108

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2. The NRO consultant reported that extensive testing has led to a decision to use STB rather than UTB on KH-4B Mission 1108 which is to fly later this year.

Comments on Proposal to Publish Dimensions in Metric Units

3. The NPIC consultant asked that discussion of this item be deferred.

Report on GIANT SCALE Coverage of North Korea

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4. The Chairman, ICRS, distributed copies of a map showing Mission GS-175 coverage of North Korea. A copy is attached at Tab D.

Report on Satisfaction of KH-4 Search Requirement

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5. [Redacted] reported that the TOPOCOM report on the satisfaction of KH-4 search requirements at the end of August stands at 44.2 percent of the six-month requirement for coverage of the built-up areas and at 75.7 percent of the twelve-month requirement for coverage of the underdeveloped areas.

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Resource Information Report for Fourth Quarter, FY 1969

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6. The Chairman, DBWG, reported completion of the Resource Information Report for the Fourth Quarter of FY 1969 and distributed copies to the principals present at the meeting

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Any questions on the contents of the report may

be directed to

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Executive Secretary

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

Attachments

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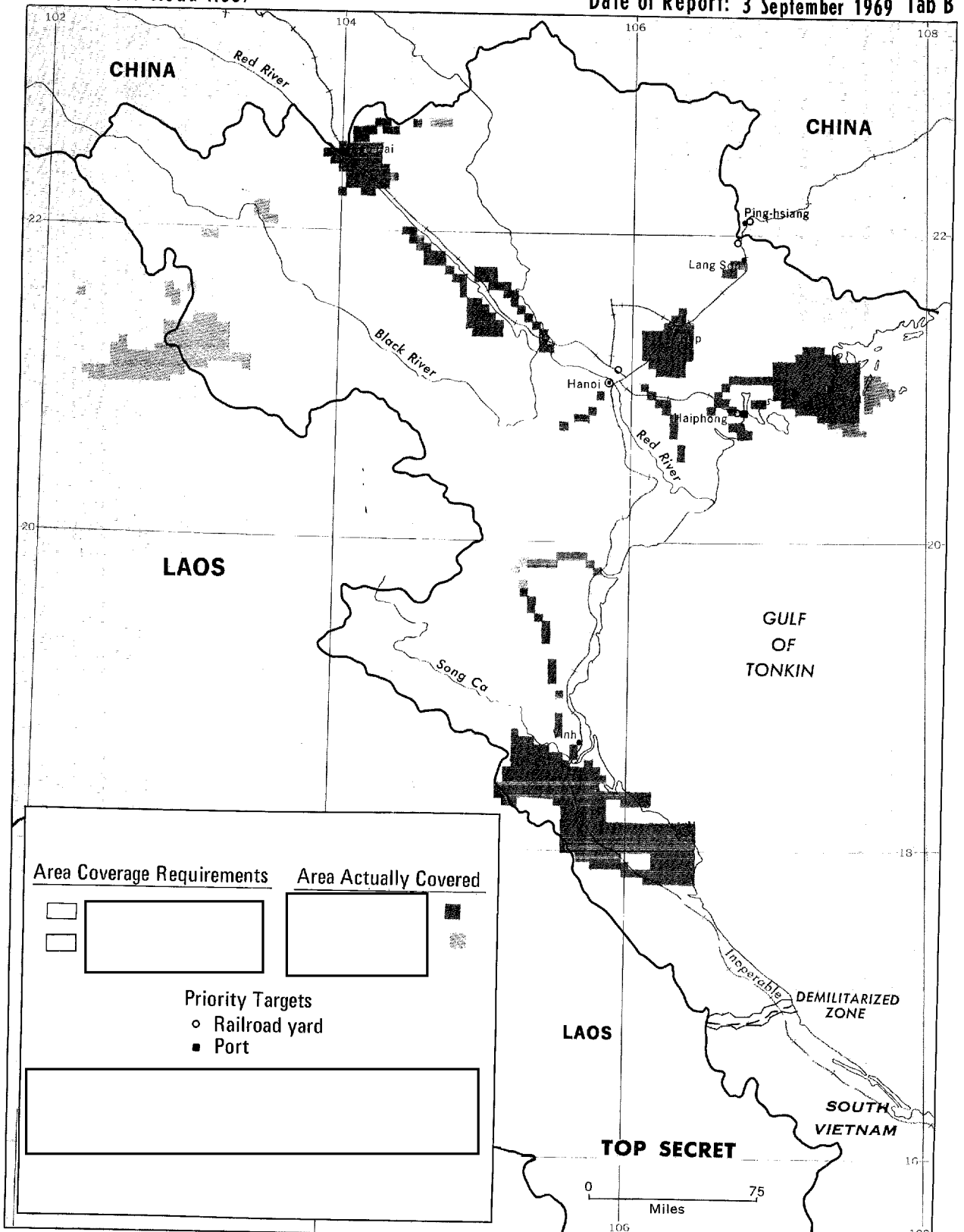
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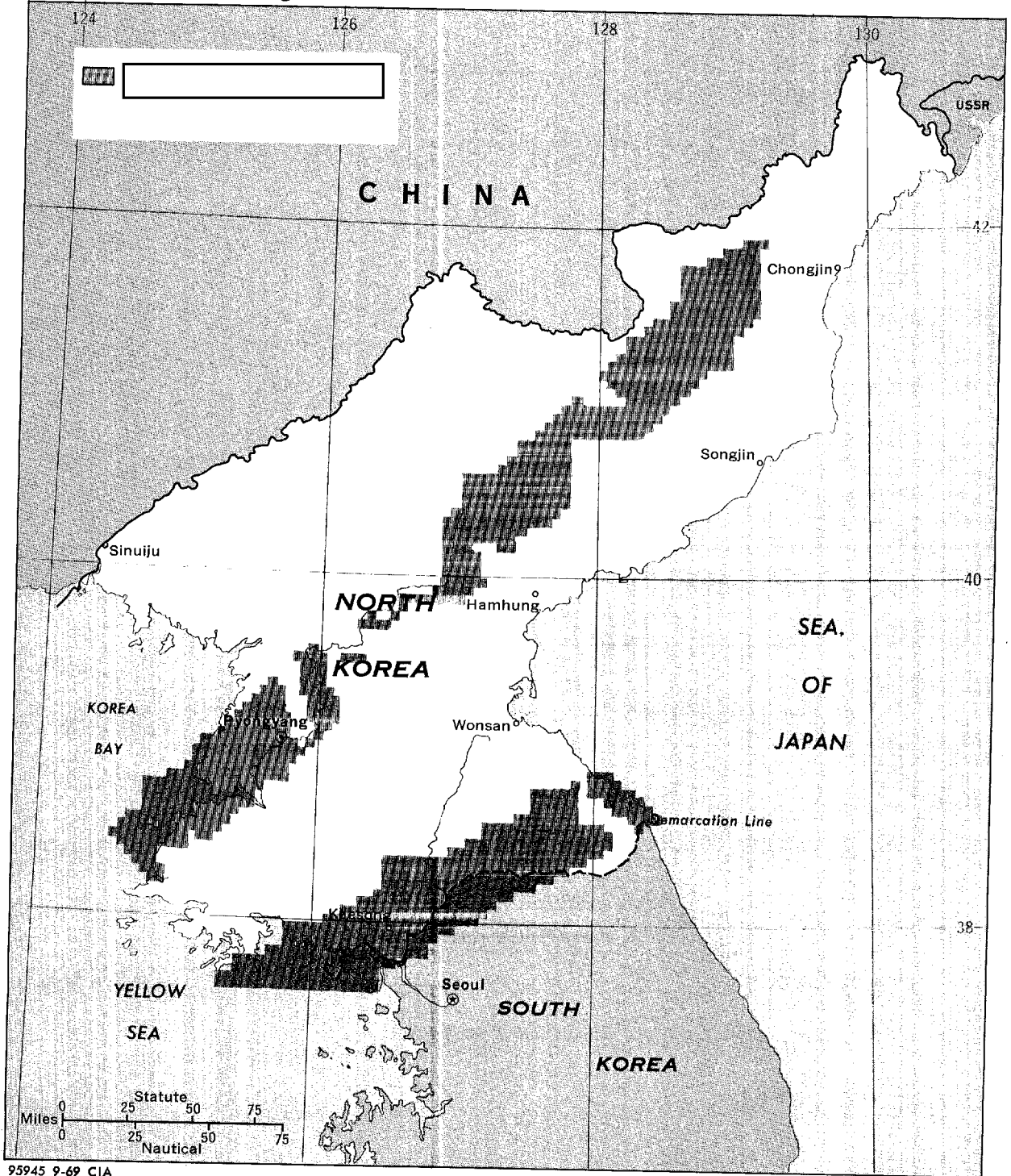
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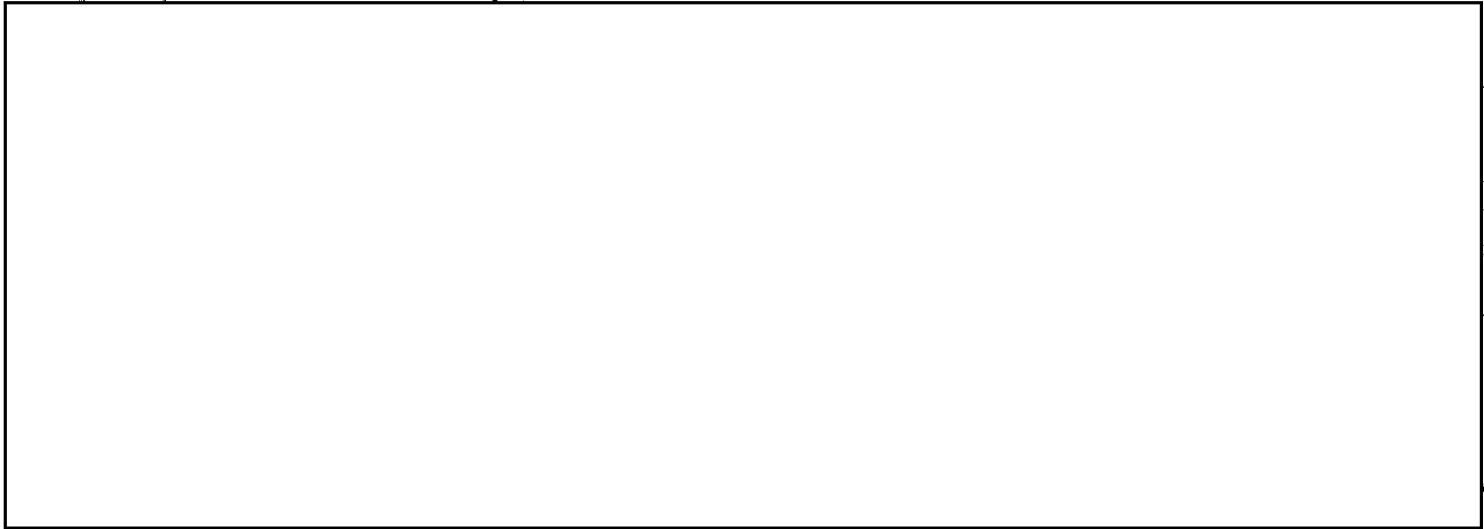
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SHOULD BE CALLED LATER THIS WEEK OR TUESDAY,

2. FYI: ICRS WILL CONSIDER A CCPC SCALED-DOWN REQUIREMENT FOR JUBA; WITH REGARD TO SOUTH CHINA RAIL SEARCH FOR MRDMS AND THE CONCENTRATION OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHICH ARE RARELY COVERED WITH DESIRED FREQUENCY CONSTITUTE PRINCIPAL REQUIREMENT COMAREX-D-25. 3/7 SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ALONG WITH OTHER MISSING REQUIREMENTS FOR REMAINDER OF CHINA. WITH REGARD TO LATTER, WE EXPECT RECEIVE SHORTLY A RESTATEMENT FROM MR. FORD WITH MORE EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR U-2 COVERAGE.

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