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MEMORANDUM FOR: Holders of COMIREX-M-91

SUBJECT : Revised Pages

It is requested that the attached revised pages
be substituted for pages 6, 12, and 13 in COMIREX-M-91.
COMIREX-M-91 were approved by COMIREX on 19 March 1970
subject to the revisions reflected in the attached revised pages.

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Revised pages

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COMIREX-M-91
5 March 1970

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MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT

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CHAIRMAN: [redacted]

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CIA: [redacted]
State: Mr. L. A. Moyer, Jr.
DIA: [redacted]
Army: Mr. J. C. St. Cyr

Navy: Capt. L. W. Moffit
Air Force: Col. C. E. Davison
NSA: [redacted]

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Office of the Chairman: [redacted] Executive Secretary

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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NPIC: [redacted]
Security: [redacted]

NRO: [redacted]

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SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPRESENTATION

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ICRS: [redacted]
EXSUBCOM: [redacted]
EXRAND: [redacted]

DBWG: [redacted]
MCGWG: [redacted]
SDWG: [redacted]

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ALTERNATES AND OBSERVERS PRESENT

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CIA: [redacted]
DIA: [redacted]
Navy: Cdr. H. W. Gamber
Air Force: Lt. Col. N. D. Thurman
NRO: [redacted]

NPIC: [redacted]

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Film Research and Development

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Section I (Briefings)

NPIC Briefing

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1. [redacted] introduced NPIC personnel who presented briefings on the following topics: (1) Dummy Aircraft in Egypt; (2) Alleged Soviet MRBM's in Egypt; (3) Chinese Activity--Chenpao (Damansky) Island; (4) Newly Identified SCALEBOARD Launch Sites in the USSR; and

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[redacted]. A brief summary of the highlights presented is attached at Tab A.

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[redacted] noted that NPIC produced three OAKs and 14 OAK Supplements [redacted]

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Film Research and Development

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2. The NRO Representative introduced [redacted] and [redacted] to brief on new types of film under development by the NRO. He noted there were some promising prospects in this field that should provide us with considerably improved film quality as well as capabilities we do not have at present.

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3. [redacted] reminded members of Eastman Kodak's policy of not accepting contracts for the development of new emulsions or materials. The only way to have them work up a new product is to convince them of a need and a potential market, as in the case of the new SO-242 color film. There are other companies, however, that will accept an R&D contract for a specific type of film and the government then owns the rights to the resulting product.

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4. Copies of the charts which [redacted] used in his briefing on the characteristics of various types of film presently in use and film under development are attached at Tab B.

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5. The Chairman thanked [Redacted] for their informative briefing and indicated that COMIREX will continue to follow with great interest the NRO's efforts to improve film quality and capability. He encouraged them to keep COMIREX informed on developments as they occur.

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6. [Redacted] asked whether there are any plans to propose the test use of night film on upcoming missions. [Redacted] stated that there were no plans for night film tests on CORONA missions at this time. /Subsequent to the meeting, to complete the picture, [Redacted] provided the following information on supplemental film

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Weather Satellite Support for NRO Operations

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7. [Redacted] of the NRO briefed COMIREX members on weather satellite support for NRO operations. The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Committee to [Redacted] for a very impressive briefing.

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Section II (Approval of Minutes)

Since neither COMIREX-M-89 nor COMIREX-M-90 had reached members in time for their review, they will be scheduled for approval at the next COMIREX meeting.

Section III (Operations)

Satellite Schedule

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1. The satellite schedule as of 5 March 1970 is attached at Tab C. [Redacted] reported Mission 1109 was launched at 1714 yesterday (4 March). Through Rev 8, about 25 percent of the first bucket's film had been expended and if good weather maintained it was likely that the first bucket would be returned early. [Redacted] cautioned that, while the assessed weather coverage appears exceptionally good for most areas, the weather for Eastern Europe and the Western USSR is currently about 15 percent below normal climatology for this time of the year due to storm conditions. [Redacted] asked if the Doppler was operating and [Redacted] replied that it was being calibrated on Rev 10.

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2. With regard to the high interest in obtaining coverage of the Soviet Belorussian Military District, where field exercise Dvina is under way, as well as of the Czech border areas, [Redacted] said that portions of Czechoslovakia would be accessed [Redacted] during the mission. Weather is down to around 10 to 15 percent at the present time, however.

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3. [Redacted] reported that approval has been granted for a GIANT SCALE mission over North Korea during March. ICRS has discussed targets for the mission and members have been asked to provide any additional target recommendations by close of business today.

4. The reports presented by the Acting DIA Member, the CIA Member, and the Chairman, ICRS, on aircraft and drone activities, coverage of special targets in the Far East, and satisfaction of the Cuba 56-day requirement are recorded in Tab C.

Section IV (Action Items)

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Mission 1110	20 May
Mission 1111	19 August
Mission 1112	18 November

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3. [Redacted] made what he referred to as the very important point that the CCRP not only expresses minimum quantities of high-resolution surveillance coverage required against a variety of target categories but that it also provides guidance on the importance of continuity of coverage and the mission-by-mission needs related to highly current problems. He noted, for example, that NPIC briefings to COMIREX regularly point up the importance of this need for continuity of coverage in order to ascertain and follow the course and pace of critical new developments. He emphasized that the continuity of coverage now being obtained is very marginal and of considerable concern to this Committee.

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4. [Redacted] asked that members examine carefully the proposed revised schedule and make their feelings on it known to his office. When the NRO Representative commented that they would welcome an updated CCRP, [Redacted] noted that, while the original document itself is dated, up-to-date amplification is regularly provided to the NRO in terms of the pre-mission planning and guidance developed

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by ICRS. Through ICRS, the status of CCRP targets and coverage is reviewed and requirements in all categories are studied and assigned

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important to assure that COMIREX and NRO have a common understanding on all aspects of the level of CCRP satisfaction, including continuity of coverage and mission directed requirements.

Cuba Requirement Revision (COMIREX-D-24, 3/1--2nd Draft)

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5. [Redacted] reported that the Joint Chiefs have approved deletion of the current [Redacted] ment on Cuba and recommended that periodic photo-reconnaissance overflights be maintained at a frequency of [Redacted]. He said, however, that the question of whether complete coverage of the island is needed [Redacted] as provided in the existing USIB requirement, [Redacted] as stated in the proposed new requirement, has not been resolved. DIA was directed to consult with CINCLANT on this portion of the requirement. [Redacted] said that the CINCLANT response is due 11 March. (See Tab E for Memorandum to COMIREX from the DIA Member.)

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6. The Chairman asked [Redacted] to keep him closely informed on developments since he has been asked to provide the Director of Central Intelligence with a report on this requirement.

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He wants to be sure he has an accurate and up-to-date understanding of it at all times. He said that he planned to recommend that COMIREX await the results of the DIA/CINCLANT coordination and then move rapidly to complete action and forward the revised requirement to the Board. He noted that the second draft distributed at today's meeting is written on the assumption and the hope that coordination with CINCLANT will result in an agreement to the requirement for [Redacted] coverage of the island. If CINCLANT does concur in that provision, he would hope to be able to move the new requirement on to USIB without further discussion in COMIREX unless he receives guidance to the contrary. He asked that members review the draft and notify the Executive Secretary of their concurrence or any specific change they recommend so that COMIREX action can be completed as soon as the DIA reply is received. [Redacted] stressed that, in any case, he did not believe that COMIREX could delay beyond the presently promised due date for the DIA/CINCLANT coordination.

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CORONA Search Requirement Revision (COMIREX-D-13.3/2)

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7. The Chairman apologized for the fact that the draft paper on the proposed revision of the CORONA search requirement is not ready for circulation. He believed, however, that nothing is being held up or impeded in the current operation of the CORONA program due to absence of the subject paper since explicit guidance already has been given to the NRO to use, to the extent possible, the newly defined areas outlined in the recent amplification of [Redacted] requirement (COMIREX-D-15.2/14) in operating the KH-4 program. [Redacted] stated that he was not aware of any problems arising because the formal document is not yet available.

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which would be avoided if they were put on regular distribution. The cost of providing copies of the eight past missions will be something less than \$100 per copy and even less than that for current missions. [Redacted] said he would notify [Redacted] that we would make the stellar photography available as requested.

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Secretary's Note:

COMIREX Guidelines for Updating Basic Reports/Briefs

COMIREX Guidelines for Updating Basic Reports/Briefs were approved telephonically by COMIREX members as of 27 February 1970. The approved guidelines were issued as COMIREX-D-31.3/13A, 3 March 1970.

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BUFFALO HUNTER (Formerly BUMPY ACTION) (20 February - 5 March 1970)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>AREAS/TARGETS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
20 Feb	Q607/506 (low)	Segs Rte 7, Quang Lang Afld, Vinh Son Complx	Water Recovery
21 Feb	Q549A/508 (low)	Cam Pha Port, Kep RR Yd, Kep Afld, Hiep Hoa Afld	Water Recovery
21 Feb	Q594/509 (low)	Bai Thuong Afld, Thanh Hoa Army Bks So	MARS
22 Feb	Q603/510 (low)	Cat Bi Afld, Haiphong Port Fac	MARS
23 Feb	Q548A/511 (low)	SAM 263, Bac Mai Afld, Hanoi Port Fac, Yen Vien RR Yd	MARS
23 Feb	Q579A/512 (low)	Vinh Afld, Vinh TSP, Segs Hwy 8, 82	Lost
24 Feb	Q914/513 (high)	Na San Afld, Dien Bien Phu Afld, Lai Chau Cplx, Hwy 19 Segs A & B, Hwy 4 Segs O, P, Q, Hwy 45, 32 Seg A, Hwy 3 Seg C	MARS
24 Feb	Q602/515 (low)	Hwy 7, Quang Lang Afld, Vinh Son Complx, Area Search, Vinh Afld, Vinh TSP, Hwy 82 Seg A	MARS
28 Feb	Q596/517 (low)	Haiphong Nav Base, Haiphong Port Fac, Kien An Afld, Hon Gai NVB/Shpyd, Hon Gai Port, Cam Pha Port	MARS

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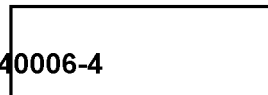
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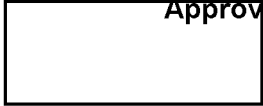


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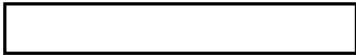
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1 Mar	Q612/519 (low)	Kep Afld, Kep RR Yd, Phuc Yen Afld, Cam Pha Port, Hiep Hoa Afld	MARS
2 Mar	Q613/520 (low)	Bai Thuong GCI Site, Bai Thuong Afld	MARS
3 Mar	Q615A/522 (low)	Vinh TSP, Vinh GCI Site, Tan Yen GCI Site, Dong Hoi Afld, Dong Hoi TSP	MARS
4 Mar	Q614/523 (low)	Hoa Lac Afld, Son Dong Army Bks, Dong Song Afld	MARS
		Successful	12
		Lost	1

GIANT SCALE (20 February - 5 March 1970)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>AREAS/TARGETS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
25 Feb	GS 230	Area Search, Dong Hoi Afld, Quang Khe TSP, Ben Thuy, Vinh My Hau, Hai Yen	Fair

A map showing coverage of North Korea by GIANT SCALE Mission 226 on 16 February 1970 is attached (page D-7).

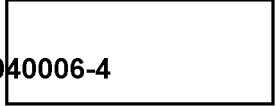
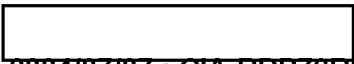
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FOOD FAIR (20 February - 5 March 1970)

There was no FOOD FAIR activity during the period 20 February - 5 March 1970.

IDEALIST/TACKLE (20 February - 5 March 1970)

There was no IDEALIST/TACKLE activity during the period 20 February - 5 March 1970.

Coverage of Special Targets in South China and North Vietnam
(19 February - 4 March 1970)

Coverage of special targets in South China and North Vietnam was reported as follows:

- a. Surveillance coverage was reported on four Lines of Communication (LOC) targets in North Vietnam and on 20 LOC targets in South China 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 320. The specific targets on which coverage was reported are listed below:

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<u>COMIREX No</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Previous Coverage</u>
[Redacted]	CH	LEI YANG AIRFIELD	[Redacted]
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[Redacted]	VN	LANG SON AIRFIELD	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	CH	KUN MING/WU CHIA PA AIRFIELD	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	CH	HUANG PU NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	VN	CAM PHA PORT FACILITIES	[Redacted]

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<u>COMIREX No</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Most Recent Previous Coverage</u>
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CH		CHANG MU TOU ARMY BKS WEST AL-1	
CH		CHANG NING HSIN HSU ARMY BKS AL-2	
CH		CHANG NING HSIN HSU ARMY BKS AL-5	
CH		CHE TIEN ARMY BKS AL-1	
CH		LEI YANG ARMY BKS WSW AL-1	
CH		LAN TSANG ARMY BKS NORTH AL-1	
CH		PO SHANG ARMY BKS AL-1	
CH		HSIA KUAN HQ 42 INF DIV AND BKS AL-1	
CH		HUANG PU ARMY SUPPLY DEPOT E LL-1	
CH		KUN MING GENERAL SUPPLY DPO	
CH		KUN MING ARMY STORAGE SE NO 4	
CH		LIN TSANG ARMY BKS AL-1	
CH		SHUANG CHLANG ARMY BKS N AL-1	
CH		PU ERH ARMY BARRACKS NORTH	
CH		CHU HAI BKS AND STOR AREA E LL-1	
CH		CHIU WENG YUAN ARMY BKS NE AL-1	
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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 attached grid maps (pages D-8 and D-9) for the following time periods:

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>MISSIONS NOT REPORTED</u>
12 - 18 February 1970	1 BUMPY ACTION
19 - 25 February 1970	5 BUMPY ACTIONS

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OLD HEAD (20 February - 5 March 1970)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
24 Feb	G115	Successful, 40.7% coverage

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
24 Feb	G115	40.7%	40.7%

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Status of 56-day Coverage Requirement

The status of coverage for the 56-day periods shown below is as follows:

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>AREA COVERAGE</u>	<u>TARGET COVERAGE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>		
			<u>Flown</u>	<u>Exploited</u>	<u>Area</u> <u>Targets</u>
1 Jan - 25 Feb 70	94.1	155 of 177	5	5	4
7 Jan - 4 Mar 70	81.2	113 of 177	4	4	3

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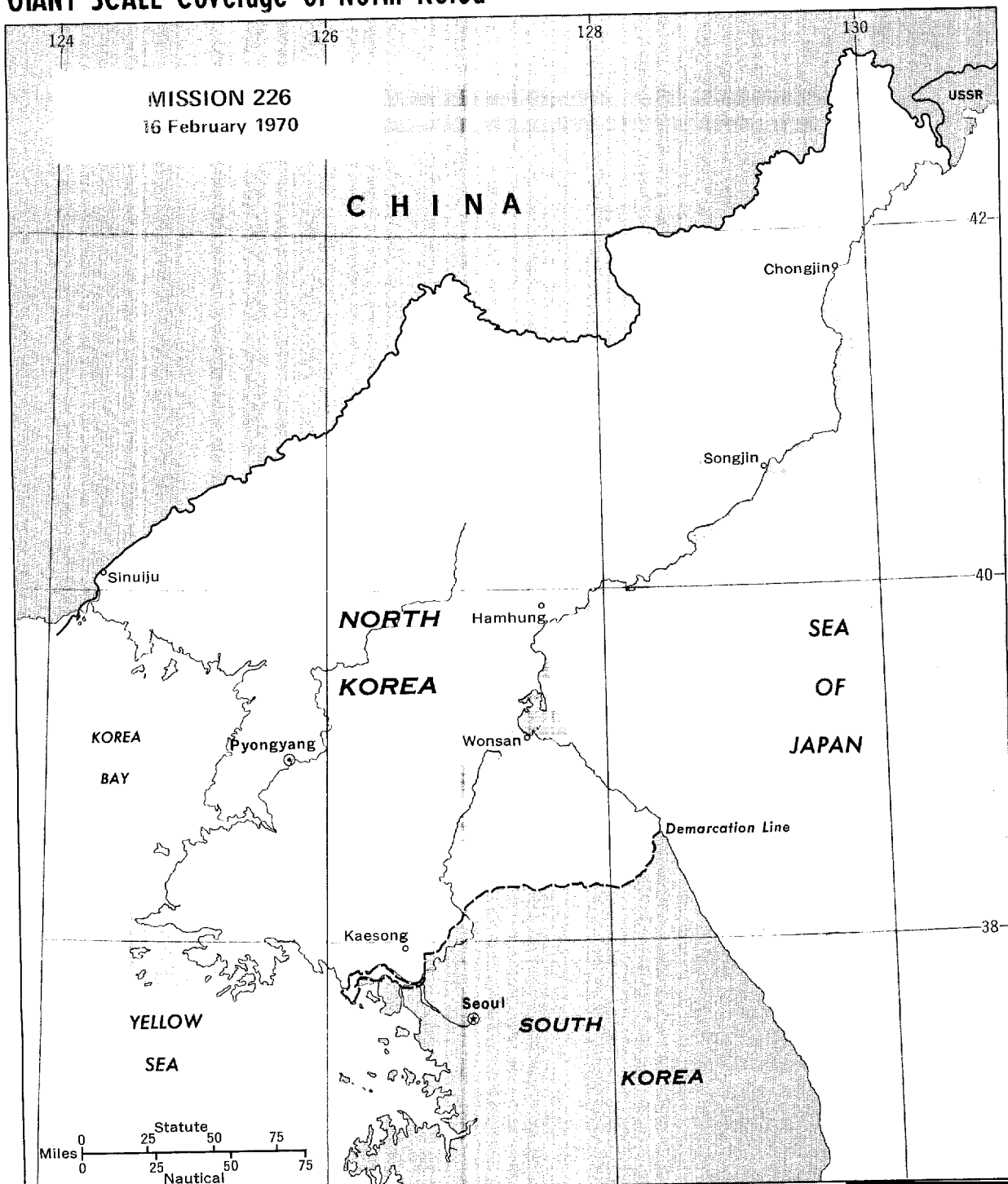
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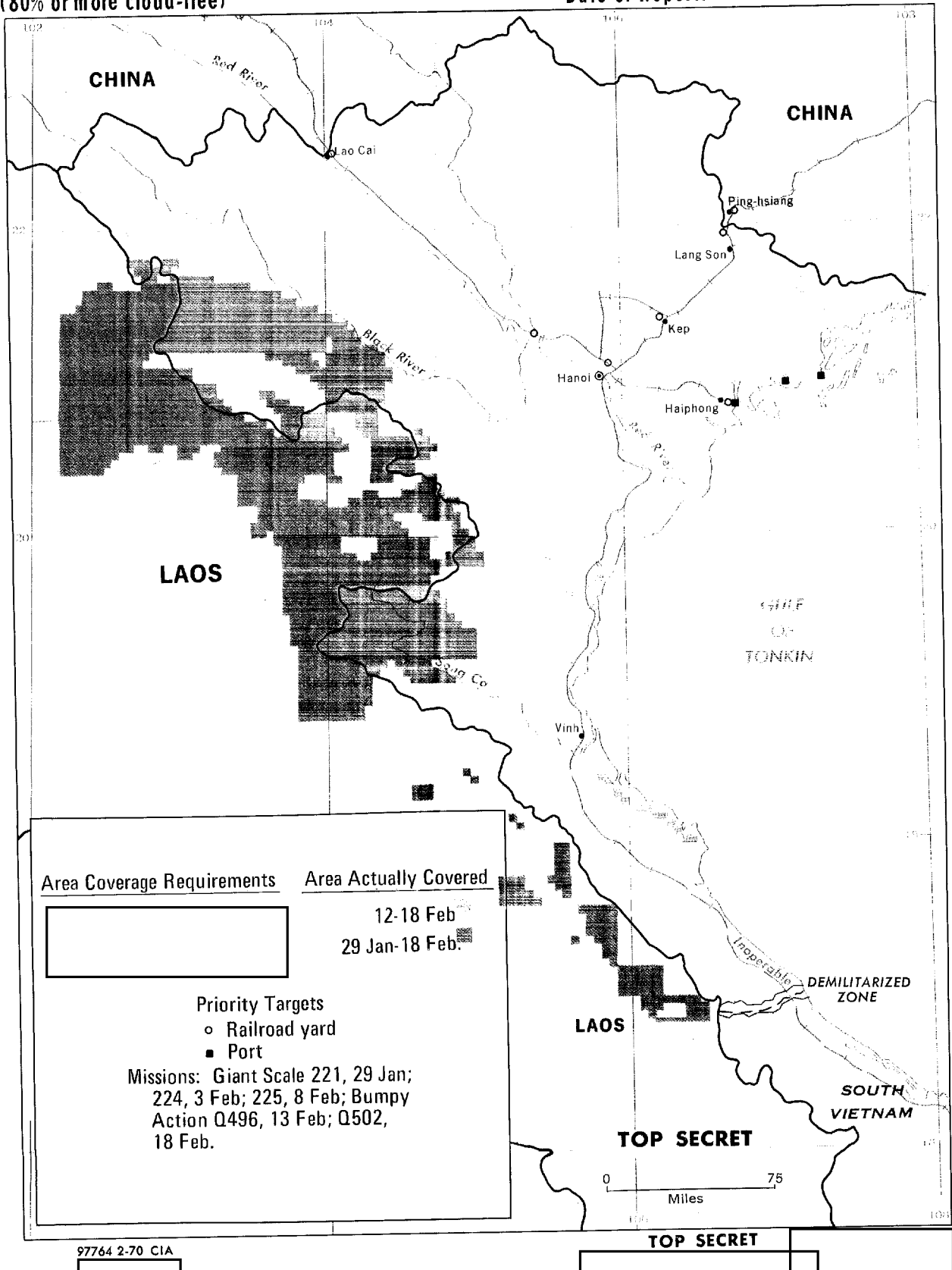
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High Resolution Coverage of North Vietnam (80% or more cloud-free)

Date of Report: 25 February 1970



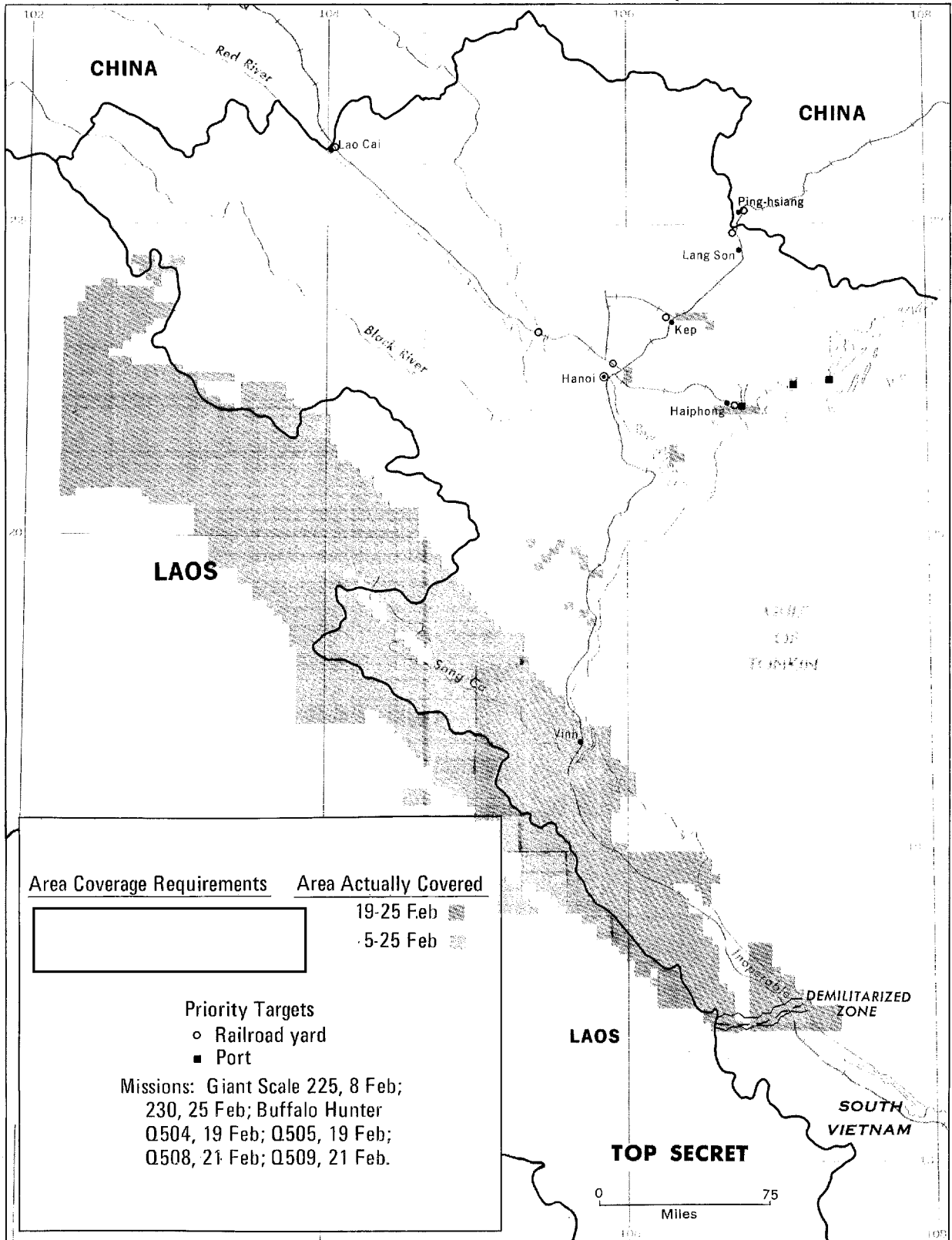
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Washington, D. C. 20301

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5 March 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Committee on Imagery Requirements
and Exploitation

SUBJECT : Cuba Photographic Coverage

Reference : Proposed USIB memorandum from COMIREX,
subject as above.

1. The JCS has approved the deletion of the current two-week target sampling requirement on Cuba and has recommended that periodic photographic overflights be maintained at a frequency of no less than 30 day intervals to maintain presence and to provide for operational consistency.
2. Reduction of the requirement for coverage of the total land mass every 56 days was not addressed by the JCS and, by separate action, the JCS has directed DIA to prepare such a study and forward their recommendations to the JCS as a coordinated DoD position.
3. DIA presently is in the process of securing CINCLANT views on a proposal to reduce the area coverage requirements to a once quarterly basis. Upon receipt of CINCLANT's response (11 March 1970), a DoD position will be effected by DIA as soon as possible, but not later than 20 March 1970.
4. Request that submission of the referenced memorandum be held in abeyance until such time as the action in paragraph 3. is completed.

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

DIA Member
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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

Meeting Highlights

COMIREX-M-91, 5 March 1970.

1. Satellite Operations

CORONA

The NRO reports successful orbit of KH-4B Mission 1109 on Wednesday, 4 March. First bucket return is scheduled for 13 March, but may be earlier due to favorable weather encountered over most areas. Significant exceptions, however, are the East Europe and critical Western USSR areas where storm conditions prevail and much of Communist China.

DIA and the Services are particularly interested in getting coverage of the Soviet Belorussian Military District bordering Czechoslovakia where field exercise Dvina is under way. They are to work with ICRS during course of 1109 to assure the NRO receives priority guidance in attempting to photograph this area.

Mission 1109 was originally scheduled for 18 February but was postponed because of serious problems with Ultra-thin Base (UTB) film. As a result, UTB film will not be used in the CORONA Program. Only three other KH-4 missions are scheduled for 1970--on 20 May, 19 August, and 18 November.



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2. Revised Cuba Coverage Requirements

Final action on the new draft Cuba requirement was again postponed at DIA's request. As has been the case for the past six months, the delay is due to DIA's difficulty in obtaining definitive JCS and CINCLANT guidance on contingency planning needs. On Wednesday (4 March), however, the Joint Chiefs finally addressed the problem. They approved deletion of the current [Redacted] sampling requirement on Cuba and recommended that periodic photo-reconnaissance overflights be maintained at a frequency of no less than [Redacted] intervals. Both points had already been covered in the pending COMIREX draft.

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The remaining issue is whether complete coverage of the island is needed [Redacted] as provided in the present USIB standing requirement, or only quarterly, as called for in the new draft requirement. On this the JCS directed DIA to consult with CINCLANT and develop a "coordinated DoD position". CINCLANT's response is due 11 March and DIA expects to be able to respond to COMIREX shortly thereafter.

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The Chairman stated he had been asked to provide the DCI with a report on the status of the Cuba requirement and the action taken. He would recommend that COMIREX await DIA/CINCLANT coordination, with the expectation that the Committee could then rapidly complete its action and quickly forward the revised requirement to USIB. In any case, however, COMIREX could not delay this action beyond the presently promised due-date for the DIA contribution.

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4. Two briefings were provided to the Committee by the NRO:

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[Redacted] briefed the Committee on USAF satellite weather support for NRO operations.

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[Redacted] briefed the Committee on the status and capabilities of various improved films under development by the NRO. He highlighted and illustrated with sample slides the advantages anticipated from two of these, in particular. SO-340, a high-speed, Tri-X aerial film which shows considerable [Redacted] and SO-349, a high-definition aerial film which provides better detail and could be of particular benefit in improving KH-4 imagery.

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