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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

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MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT

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CHAIRMAN: []

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CIA: []
State: Mr. L. A. Moyer, Jr.
DIA: []
Army: Mr. B. F. Brown

Navy: Capt. L. W. Moffit
Air Force: Lt. Col. N. D. Thurman
NSA: []

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Office of the Chairman: [] Executive Secretary

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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NPIC: []
NRO: []

Security: []

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SUBCOMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP REPRESENTATION

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SDWG: []

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ALTERNATES AND OBSERVERS PRESENT

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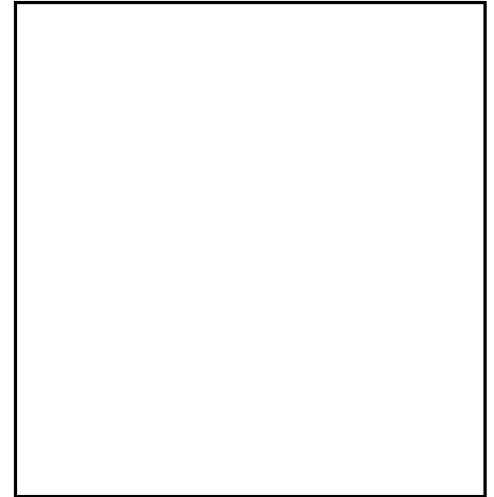
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NPIC Mission Highlights

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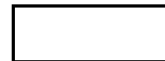
Section I (Briefings)

NPIC "Mission Highlights" Briefings

(T-KH)



EOI/NRT Status



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2.

[redacted] of the NRO staff reported on activity that has taken place in this field since July 1969 when the NRO received the initial USIB statement of requirements for a near-real-time imagery satellite system (USIB-D-46, 4/30, 16 July 1969, and Memorandum for Holders, 29 July 1969). See COMIREX-O-12.1971. [redacted] 2265-70

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Collection Status Review

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3.

[redacted] explained that DIA regularly presents a quarterly review of imagery reconnaissance activity to the JCS. These briefings primarily address National Reconnaissance Program (NRP) activities and do not include the command and tactical missions in Southeast Asia. Although satellites are the main focus of interest and concern, the briefings also include discussion of those aircraft programs that augment satellite collection or provide unique photographic coverage of NRP targets. [redacted] of DIA reviewed for COMIREX the quarterly report given to the JCS in mid-July, covering the period April-June 1970. Copies of briefing aids used by [redacted]

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are attached at Tab B.

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4. Concerning coverage of Cuba, [redacted] pointed out the recent drop in the number of missions flown monthly. This reflected the impact of the new USIB requirement and the increased capabilities provided by use of the Iris II camera. He noted that although three missions were flown in April, there was only one in May and one in June (see page B-16).

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5. With regard to the conclusions presented in the briefing (see page B-20), [redacted] commented that a study is being made on imagery satellite reconnaissance priorities in an effort to determine and document the impact of current mission priority requirements on our coverage achievement against the USIB standing requirements. This becomes an especially significant factor in view of the stretch-out in the present KH-4 schedule. There is also growing concern about the adequacy of the existing imagery data base on Warsaw Pact countries and a continued high interest in the Middle East and Soviet activity relating to that area.

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Section II (Approval of Minutes)

COMIREX-M-101

1. COMIREX-M-101 covering the COMIREX meeting of 9 July 1970 were approved.

Section III (Operations)

Satellite Schedule

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1. The NRO Consultant distributed copies of the satellite operations schedule as of 30 July 1970. A copy is attached at Tab C.

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2. [REDACTED] reported the 29 July recovery of the first bucket of CORONA Mission 1111, a seven-day bucket. Depending on film utilization, the second bucket may be flown for 11 days with recovery estimated for 9 August. Weather predictions for South China are very poor; there may, however, be a break in the weather over Eastern Europe.

3. The Chairman asked whether his understanding was correct that, as a result of achieving ascending coverage in some areas, total area coverage for the entire mission will be closer to normal than had been initially anticipated. [REDACTED] replied the NRO was still projecting about a 20 percent loss in total area coverage on Mission 1111 as a result of lowering the altitude to achieve improved resolution (see COMIREX-M-101, Section V, paragraphs 9-11).



Report on Aircraft and Drone Activities

(T-KH)

5. Reports presented by the DIA Member, the CIA Member, and the Chairman, ICRS, on aircraft and drone activities in the Far East and Cuba, and on coverage of special targets in the Far East are summarized in Tab D.

6. With regard to [REDACTED] the DIA Member called attention to the loss of four missions during July, the highest monthly loss-rate in several months. He had no firm information at this time as to the cause of this sharp increase.

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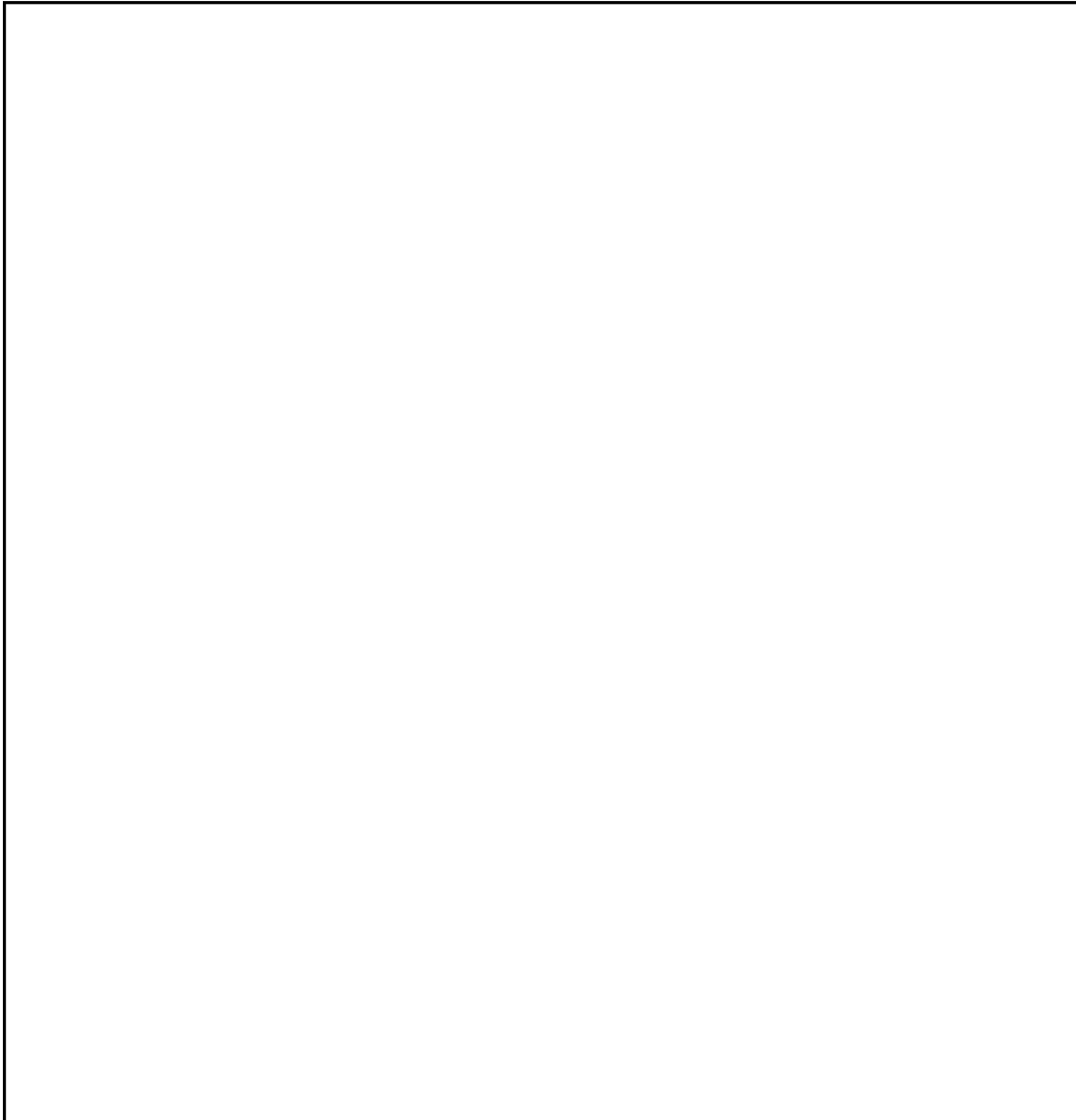
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Requests for Authorization to Use Sanitized KH-4 Photography
in Support of Targeting and Operational Planning (Middle East
and North Korea) (COMIREX-D-2.6/5) (T-KH)

6. As background to this DIA request for authorization to use sanitized KH-4 photography to illustrate targets contained in the Middle East Target Study and North Korea Target Study in support of JCS military contingency planning, [redacted] summarized the record of previous USIB action in this field. In August 1967 the Board approved sanitization and use of KH-4 photography on a continuing basis in specific support of manned strike operations as called for by the Strategic Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP), without need for further recourse to COMIREX or to USIB. COMIREX, however, was to be kept informed as to the identity and proposed use of photography so sanitized. (See USIB-D-46.2/1, COMIREX-D-2.7/2.) In September 1968, the Board authorized the expanded use of sanitized KH-4 photography in military plans other than the SIOP but stipulated that COMIREX would review each requirement for such use (see USIB-D-46.2/7, COMIREX-D-2.7/7).

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7. [redacted] reported there had been some discussion within SDWG as to whether the latter USIB authorization also covered the use of sanitized KH-4 photography for military planning at the JCS level. He believed the original USIB authorization clearly included JCS planning and he recommended that, if COMIREX concurred in that interpretation, the DIA request be approved.

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8. In recording CIA's concurrence in the SDWG recommendation, [redacted] stated that he felt the SDWG had done an excellent job in staffing and preparing this paper for the Committee's action.

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9. COMIREX approved the SDWG recommendations as set forth in COMIREX-D-2.6/5.

FY 1971 Basic Exploitation Program "Standard Imagery Target Definition" (SITD) Production (T-KH)

10. The Executive Secretary reported that NPIC has raised a point concerning the production and publication of Standard Imagery Target Definition (SITD) graphics in reports produced under the FY 1971 Basic Exploitation Program. COMIREX had authorized inclusion of such graphics in DIA Basic Reports prepared under the FY 1970 program, with the understanding that such authorization did not constitute COMIREX acceptance of the SITD as a required Community format for standardized target delineation (see COMIREX-M-79, Section IV, paragraphs 12-15). As the result of overly optimistic scheduling, many reports approved under the FY 1970 Basic Exploitation Program were not completed in time for publication in FY 1970 and were rescheduled under the FY 1971 program. DIA has included SITD graphics in a number of these deferred reports now being submitted to NPIC for publication, with more to come. The Center is seeking guidance on whether it is obligated to print these SITD graphics.

11. The Chairman asked the NPIC Consultant what added cost would be involved if the SITD's they had in hand were published. [redacted] estimated the additional cost to NPIC of publishing a Basic Report containing the SITD as approximately \$50 per issue of 100 copies. [redacted] noted that the question raised by NPIC was basically whether the publication of SITD's was not a departmental rather than a national program.

12. Noting that data is clearly not readily at hand to decide the general issues of the need for a Community standardized target definition and whether the SITD is the best format to meet such a need, [redacted] asked that NPIC proceed to publish those

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basic reports containing SITD's already submitted or in process by DIA pending more detailed consideration of the basic issues by COMIREX. The Chairman expressed the feeling that he has never accepted the test that there must be total utility to every single component of the Community for something to be done on a Community-wide basis and he would also like to be certain that in any future discussions on this matter we do not attempt to apply a more stringent criteria of total Community utility for the SITD's than we do for other data or graphic elements contained in basic exploitation reports.

Section V (Other Business)

Exploitation Priority for Mission 1111-1

(T-KH)

1. The DIA Member asked that Mission 1111-1 coverage of the Middle East and areas of SS-9 ICBM deployment be given highest exploitation priority by NPIC. The Chairman stated that a canvass of interested agencies had been made and there was general agreement on need for priority exploitation reporting on these two fields. To the degree there might be any conflict between the two, Middle East coverage should be reported out first and the Soviet strategic missile targets second. The NPIC Consultant confirmed that the Middle East passes were scheduled for readout Friday night (31 July) and exploitation of Soviet strategic missile coverage was to begin Sunday morning (2 August). The results will be available to the Community by early Monday morning, 3 August.

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2. [] noted there would be a delay of several hours in NPIC's receipt of the Middle East film since special printing of the coverage on that area was necessary because of the terrain and illumination problems.

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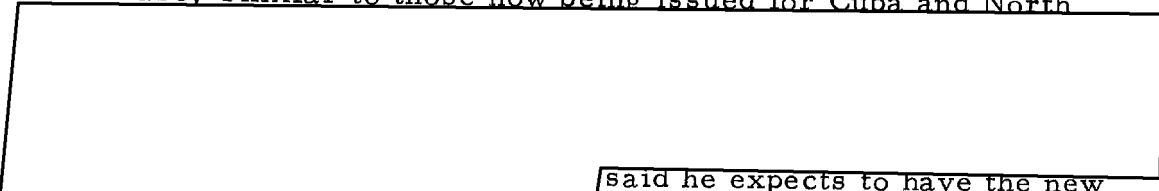
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New Procedure for Rapid Graphic Reporting on Coverage of Strategic Missile Targets [] T-KH, []

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3. [] reported that, in view of the continuing high interest in the status of coverage on ICBM complexes and the Soviet MRBM/IRBM belt, he is developing a new reporting procedure on cumulative and mission accomplishment coverage against specific ICBM target complexes. It will be based on NPIC certification of usable coverage by WAG cells. This procedure will make possible early provision of post-mission graphics from a computerized data base, similar to those now being issued for Cuba and North

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[] said he expects to have the new procedure established for initial use in reporting results of Mission 1111-1.

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4. [] asked if similar timely reporting would be available for [] [] [] indicated that complete reporting might not be available in that instance since the film from the second bucket of Mission 1111 will not be getting to NPIC [] His present plans are to include the first bucket of Mission 1111 under this program and follow on with the second bucket results as soon as available. /Subsequently, coverage results from 1111-1 on selected Soviet ICBM complexes were issued in COMIREX-S-1/1, distributed 7 August 1970./

Middle East Mission Exploitation Guidance (T-KH)

5. Colonel Thurman referred to approval by COMIREX at the last meeting of Middle East Mission Exploitation Guidance provided in COMIREX-D-29.3/1A. His understanding was that a current list of NIETB Middle East targets would be forwarded to the field along with the approved guidance and he asked if that

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had been done. [] reported that EXSUBCOM was in the process of updating the list of targets and it would be ready to send to the field shortly.

Special Request for Coverage of Cambodia (T-KH)

6. The Chairman, ICRS, reported on the request forwarded to DIA to obtain GIANT NAIL/GIANT SCALE coverage of eastern Cambodia in order to establish and maintain a current data base of high-resolution photography on this area. Although this is the poor weather period in that region, [] hoped for some initial coverage of the area to be achieved in the near future.

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Special Task Group on Utilization of Satellite Photography
(See COMIREX-M-101, Section IV, paragraphs 18-20)
(T-KH)

7. Following approval of the SDWG recommendation for use of sanitized KH-4 photography in support of JCS targeting and operational planning, the general question of use of sanitized satellite imagery was discussed. Mr. Moyer noted State's long-standing reservations on using sanitized satellite photography outside the established control systems unless the fact of satellite imagery reconnaissance itself were decontrolled and downgraded. [] observed that, when USIB has completed its scheduled early October review of this question, the resulting guidelines should make future handling of sanitization and release requests much easier.

8. [] believed the experience gained in staffing the two items on which the Committee had just completed action at this meeting (see Section IV, paragraphs 1-9) will be useful to the Special Task Group in preparing the draft COMIREX study for USIB on utilization of satellite photography. [] requested that "live" cases such as these be kept in mind as possible concrete examples of the functioning and problems of the present control system.

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Proposed Meeting Schedule

9. The Chairman proposed the COMIREX meeting schedule be adjusted to cope with the usual heavy end-of-summer leave period. It was agreed that regular COMIREX meetings would be scheduled on the dates listed below:

- 20 August
- 3 September
- 17 September
- 1 October
- 15 October

/Subsequently, COMIREX-N-7-70 was issued confirming the above schedule./

Notification of Precision Processing Capability at Weisbaden

10. Colonel Thurman reported that installation of the necessary equipment has been completed and the USAF 7499th Support Group at Weisbaden now has the capability to handle precision processing of imagery.

Section VI (Subcommittee and Working Group Reports)

Imagery Collection Requirements Subcommittee (S)

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1. The Chairman, ICRS, noted that current intelligence priorities for [redacted] are due to ICRS by close of business Friday, 31 July. He asked each member to insure prompt submission of his agency's requirements.

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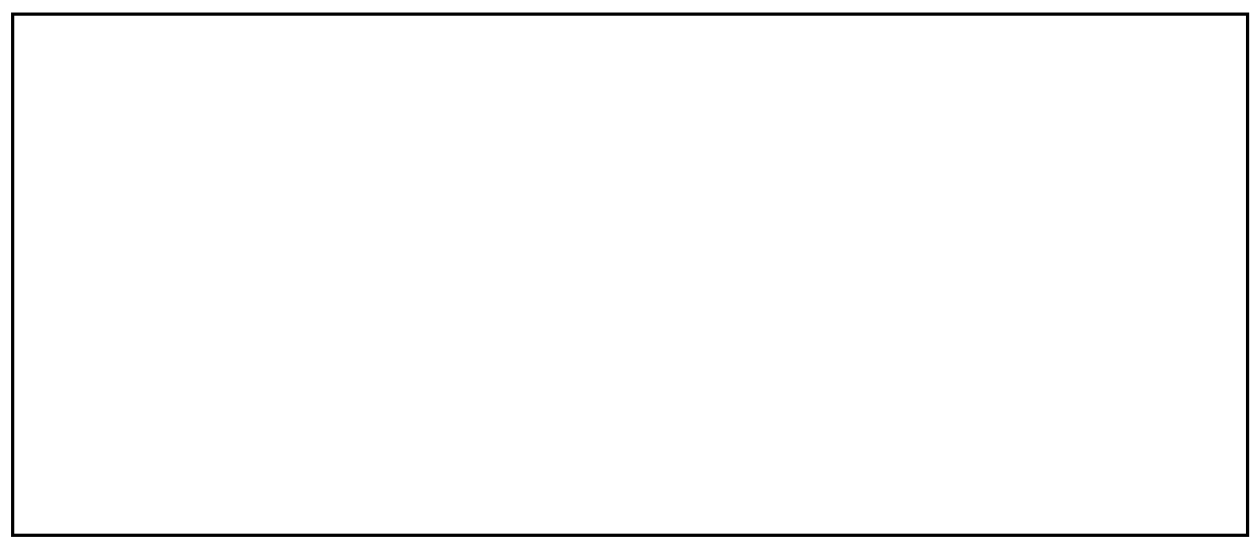
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Sanitization and Decontrol Working Group (S)

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2. [] reported that his Working Group completed action on two additional papers that will be forwarded to COMIREX early next week. One concerns procedures for the release of T-KH-derived data for the NATO Target Data Inventory (TDI); the other is a revision of Annex F to the Sanitization and Decontrol Manual. He reported no significant problems within SDWG on either of the papers.

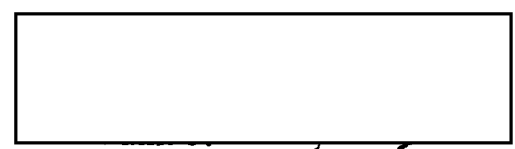


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CINCPAC Request for Use of Sanitized KH-4 Imagery in Support of CINCPAC OPLAN 5001 (COMIREX-D-2.6/4) (S)

2. The SDWG recommendation that COMIREX approve the CINCPAC request for use of sanitized KH-4 imagery in support of CINCPAC OPLAN 5001 was approved telephonically by COMIREX members on Friday, 31 July.

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1st QUARTER	18	13	7
2nd QUARTER	9	12	5**
3rd QUARTER	14	10	
4th QUARTER	16	10*	
TOTAL	57	45	

* INTRODUCTION OF IRIS II CAMERA

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REQUIREMENT
PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF CUBA
USIB APPROVED 2 APRIL 1970



90% OF ISLAND PER QUARTER



ONE SUCCESSFUL OVERFLIGHT IN ANY FOUR-WEEK PERIOD



CAPABILITY TO OVERFLY ON 24-HOUR NOTICE

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERAGE OF CUBA

- 8 JULY: U. S. ATTACHE REPORT INDICATED INCREASED NUMBERS OF SOVIET TECHNICIANS & NEW DELIVERIES OF LARGE CRATES
- 10 JULY: SAC DIRECTED TO INSURE COVERAGE OF AREAS IN QUESTION AS SOON AS FEASIBLE
- 12 JULY: U-2 MISSION CONDUCTED
- 14 JULY: SPECIAL READOUT CONDUCTED BY NPIC & NEGATIVE REPORT RENDERED

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Report on Aircraft and Drone Activities
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>AREAS / TARGETS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
10 July	Q576A/660	Hai Yen TSP / Vinh AF Bai Thuong AF	MARS
10 July	Q501A/661	Dong Hoi AF & TSP Ben Thuy - Quang Khe TSP's	MARS
11 July	Q596/662	Haiphong - Hon Cai - Cam Pha	MARS
13 July	Q633A/663	SAM Sites Quang Khe TSP	MARS
15 July	Q646/666	Haiphong / Cam Pha	MARS
17 July	Q640/672		Lost
18 July	Q588/673		Lost
19 July	Q643A/674	Son Tay PW & Mil Tong AF	MARS
19 July	Q633A/675	Ben Thuy & Quang Khe TSP's SAM Sites	MARS
20 July	Q602/676	Hwy 7 / Hwy 82 Vinh AF	MARS
21 July	Q581/677	Haiphong Port Kien An AF	MARS
23 July	Q647/679	Rte 7 / SAM Sites	MARS
23 July	Q623A/680	Bai Thuong AF/ Thanh Hoa	MARS
24 July	Q601/681	Kep - Gia Lam Aflds Hanoi Port	WTR RCVY

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>AREAS / TARGETS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
26 July	Q596/682	Haiphong/ Hon Gay/ Cam Pha	MARS
26 July	Q633A/683	Ben Thuy/ Quang Khe	MARS
27 July	Q648/684		Lost
29 July	Q647/685	Rte 7 / SAM Sites	MARS

(All low altitude)

Successful - 15

*Lost - 3

*Total Lost During July - 4

GIANT SCALE

No GIANT SCALE missions were flown during the period 9-29 July due to unfavorable weather.

GIANT NAIL

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
25 July	T938/193	35%

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
24 July	C100C	Flown offshore along China mainland coast in Taiwan Strait	Initial Reporting indicates photography was 85% cloud-free
29 July	C110C	Flown over South China Sea off China mainland and Hainan Island coasts	IPIR not yet available

Coverage of Special Targets in South China and North Vietnam

a. Surveillance Coverage on Lines of Communication (LOC) Targets to Detect 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. For the period 9-29 July 1970 surveillance coverage was reported on the ten priority targets listed on the following page.

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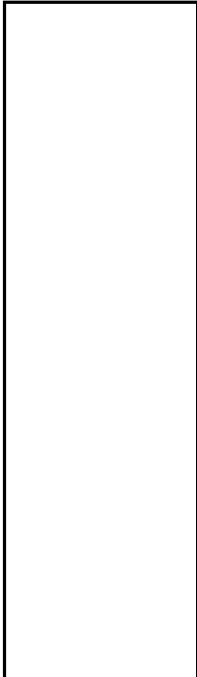
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<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MOST RECENT COVERAGE</u>
VN	HAI PHONG/CAT BI AF	
VN	HA NOI/GIA LAM AF	
VN	VINH AIRFIELD	
VN	YEN BAI AF	
VN	DONG HOI AIRFIELD	
VN	HAI YEN COASTAL TRNSHP PT	
VN	QUANG KHE TRNSP PT SONG GIANG	
VN	SON DONG ARMY BKS AND SCHOOL	
VN	CHUC SON ARMY BKS AND STORAGE N	
VN	BAI DUC THON RR SIDING	

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b. Coverage of North Vietnam to Detect Possible Introduction or Deployment of Offensive Missile Systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1970; and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967) as shown on the grid maps on pages D-6, D-7, and D-8 for the following time periods:

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>MISSIONS NOT REPORTED</u>
2 JULY - 8 JULY 70	1
9 JULY - 15 JULY 70	0
16 JULY - 22 JULY 70	0

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NO.</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
12 July	G123	25%

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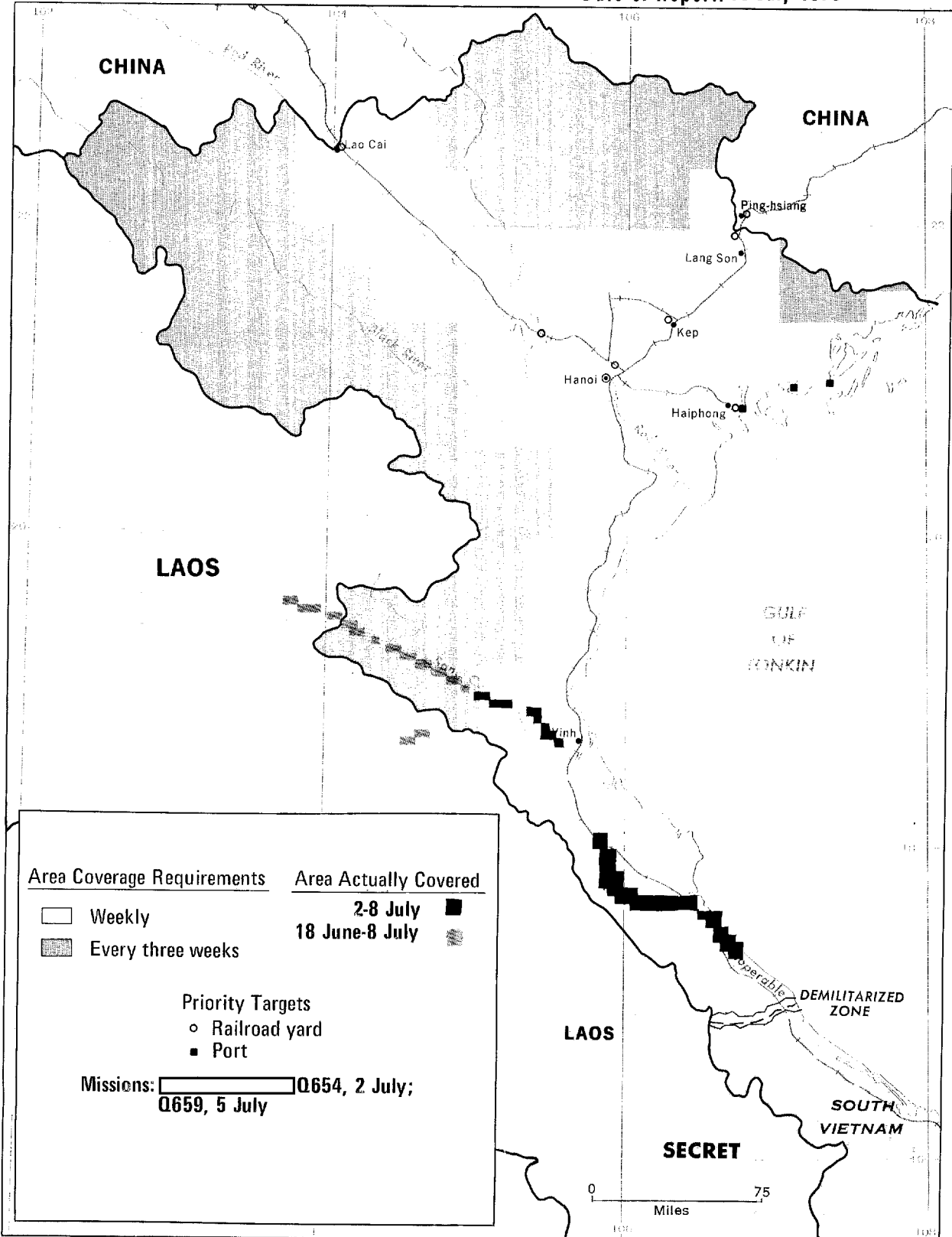
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High Resolution Coverage of North Vietnam

(80% or more cloud-free)

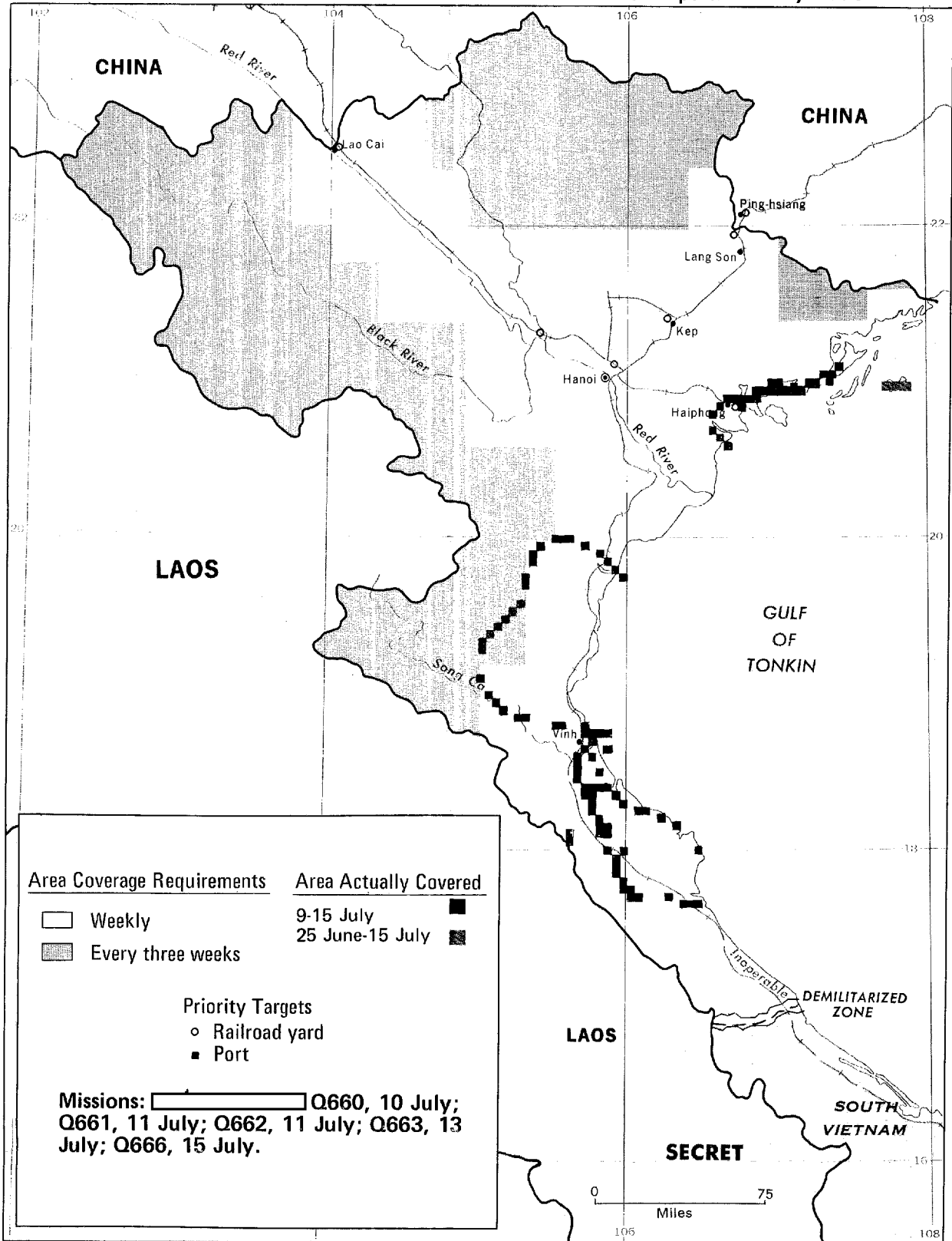
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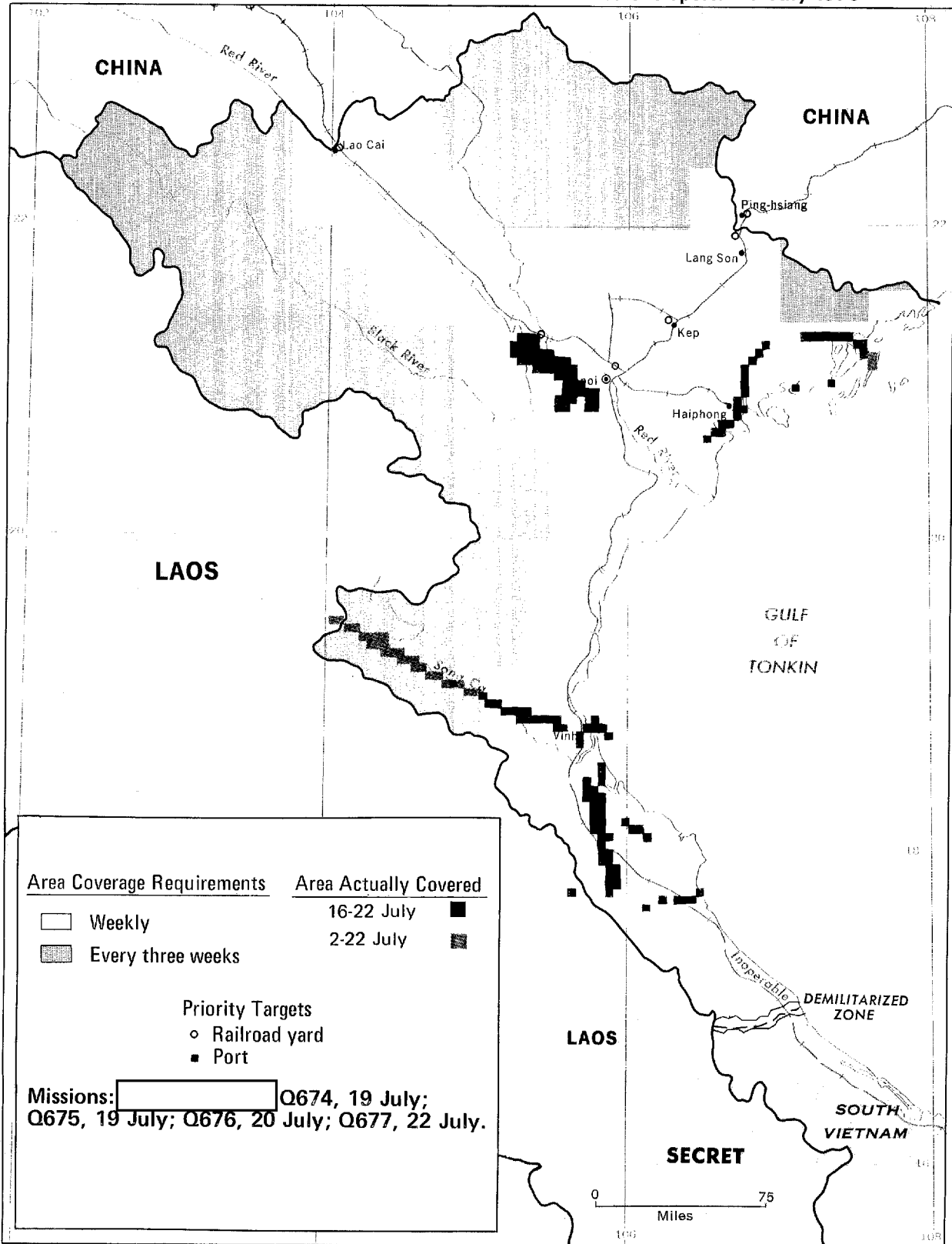
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Date of Report: 29 July 1970



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