

USSR

14 January 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: DAD/C/OSI/DDI

**SUBJECT: Photographic Reconnaissance
of "New-Type" SAM Site at
Kuressaare, USSR**

1. At the request of [] CIA Representative on the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance, a special meeting of COMOR was held on 11 January to review a proposal for low-altitude photographic reconnaissance of the "new-type" SAM site at Kuressaare, USSR.

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2. After hearing the briefing from OSI representative on this problem, COMOR concluded as follows:

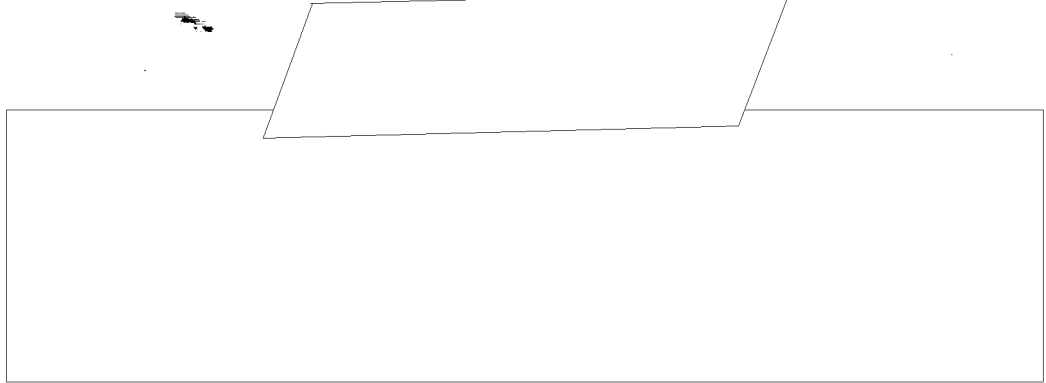
a. That the proposal for low-altitude reconnaissance of Russian territory was a most serious proposal and would stand no chance of surviving the USIB, let alone the Special Group, unless the justification demonstrated an overriding need for its use;

b. That based on questions asked by the members, it appeared that all other sources had not been explored and some other preliminary steps should be taken. The DDP, for instance, has not received a requirement specifically on this nor has the appropriate working group of GMAIC studied the problem and stated its requirement. Lastly, it appeared to the COMOR that the eventual threat to SAC would dictate the merit of reviewing this problem in the CCPC.

c. That there is some doubt in COMOR's mind as to the criticality of the requirement itself,

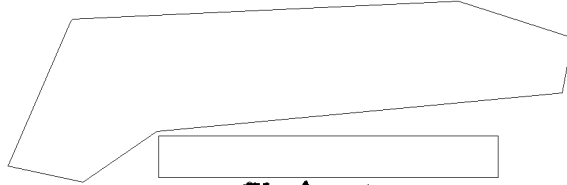
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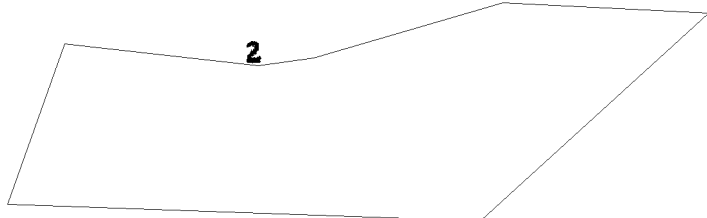
3. COMOR considers this question should be presented when you are satisfied that other sources, most of them of a less hazardous nature, cannot obtain the essential information which only overhead photographic reconnaissance can obtain.



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