

27 November 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

SUBJECT: Release of TDI Data [redacted]

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- REFERENCE:
- a. COMIREX-M-16, page 9, paragraph 2
 - b. DIAXX-3 9353
 - c. COMOR-D-22/85

Attached for your information and to assist in discussing release of TDI data [redacted] scheduled for COMIREX 30 November, is a draft of the minutes of the special SDWG meeting of 9 November (see reference a for background). As you will recall, this matter was raised for discussion at COMIREX on 9 November as a result of a cable (reference b) which reactivated a request forwarded in October 1966 (reference c).

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Executive Secretary

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

Attachment
Draft minutes

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Draft Minutes of the Special SDWG Meeting of 9 November 1967

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Release of TDI Information [redacted]

1. At the request of Chairman, COMIREX, the SDWG met in special session on 9 November to consider the release [redacted] of sanitized T-KH information on certain categories of targets in North Vietnam and South China. The request was made by CINCPAC to DIA and was disseminated by DIA to COMIREX members on 2 November 1967 (DIAXX-3 9353).

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Background

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2. CINCPAC requested the information to update the [redacted] Targetting Data, South China, and North Vietnam Potential Targets for Retarding the Communist Advances [redacted] published in January 1964. [redacted] is scheduled for review on 15 November 1967 at a meeting of the Subcommittee of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Intelligence Committee, which is a subcommittee [redacted] chaired by CINCPAC.

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3. A request for release of this information [redacted] was made by CINCPAC in 1966 and was referred to COMOR on 27 October 1966 by the DIA member as COMOR-D-22/85 (dated 17 October 1966). This request was delayed by COMOR for one week, subject to comments by the Director of Security, CIA and was withdrawn a week later by DIA at the COMOR meeting of 3 November 1966 on the grounds that DIA and CINCPAC would study how augmented material could be made available [redacted] those with the greatest air attack capability--without making it generally available [redacted]

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4. The information now being requested by CINCPAC is for release to [redacted] members. It is confined to 23 categories of targets (such as airfields, troop installations, port facilities, bridges, storage depots, etc.) in North Vietnam and South China within an area south of 32° North and between longitudes 85° and 115° East. The information for release would be derived from a machine run of the DIA Automated Intelligence File (AIF) and would consist of a listing

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of names, coordinates and capacity data for each individual target considered as "active" within the 23 specified categories. Data included in the AIF is from all available sources, including sanitized T-KH, and is classified SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION. CINCPAC emphasized that information has already been released up to and including the SECRET classification on these categories and that the inclusion of additional information identical to that previously released should not attract attention as to source.

Discussion

5. Several points of concern, relative to the release of this additional information [redacted] were raised during the SDWG discussion:

a. The effects on [redacted] of a sudden increase in the volume of material for inclusion [redacted]
Of particular concern was that the introduction of a considerable number of new targets from the AIF run, especially those in the remote areas of South China which have been identified by T-KH alone, would reveal the totality of our reconnaissance collection effort. It was also noted that, since the AIF is not limited to major strike targets, the amount of information requested [redacted] could exceed in scope the TDI information now being released to [redacted] members.

b. The security aspects of releasing T-KH-derived information on the areas requested [redacted]
This was of particular concern to the CIA and Air Force members and the representative of the Director of Security, CIA, who opposed release specifically on this point.

c. The propriety of releasing T-KH-derived target information to those members [redacted] who have no air strike capability. It was recognized that this might be a policy matter for higher consideration, but a need-to-know has always been the guiding principle for releasing T-KH-derived information.

6. There was no opposition within the SDWG for the release of the information requested [redacted] and the only opposition expressed to releasing to [redacted]

was the question of "need-to-know." The DIA member stated that the material was already available to the [redacted] and all members agreed that bilateral release to individual countries would not satisfy the requirement as expressed by CINCPAC for making the information available [redacted]

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7. The question was raised of releasing information on North Vietnam targets [redacted] but it was the opinion of the group that this was a policy matter beyond the purview of COMIREX and the SDWG. It was also the opinion of the SDWG that USIB action would be required before the material requested by CINCPAC could be released [redacted]

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Recommendation

8. The SDWG recommends that the information as requested by CINCPAC not be released [redacted]

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NOTE: The State member was unable to attend, but Mr. McAfee called the Acting Chairman during the meeting to record the Department's position: State would concur in release [redacted] but would oppose release [redacted] need for release to the [redacted] was doubtful.

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30 IRS ReqBr/RecceGrp
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