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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

THROUGH : Executive Director

SUBJECT : OSA-NPIC Coordination on Mission [redacted]

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1. I have received memoranda on the above subject from the Director, OSA, concurred in by DD/S&T, and from the Director, NPIC, without comment from the DD/I.

2. I am dissatisfied with both memoranda since they are not compatible either as to facts and procedures or as to understandings of principle.

3. Accordingly, I wish you to conduct an investigation of this entire matter and to submit recommendations which will provide clear-cut operational procedures for use in the future.

4. Your investigation should cover, but not be limited to, the following questions:

a. Was the basic requirement for Mission [redacted] developed by COMOR and approved by USIB?

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b. Was there clear-cut approval of the 303 Committee?

c. Were the DD/S&T, the DDCI, and the DCI fully informed as to the date of the overflight, and the track, and the possible inherent dangers involved?

d. Was there requirement for the degree of urgency placed on conducting this flight?

e. Did we have precise knowledge that the [redacted] was functioning properly, and had it been verified as a result of the prior [redacted]

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f. Had NPIC clearly and unmistakably been asked for a current updating and survey of the possible hazards in the

[redacted]

g. Had the flight track been adequately surveyed by NPIC for possible hazards?

h. Had the photography of the [redacted] from other sources been thoroughly and completely interpreted and reported prior to the flight?

i. Are the coordinating procedures between NPIC and DIA for such flights adequate and foolproof?

(S) [redacted]

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