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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director for Photographic Intelligence, CIA

THROUGH: Chief, Imagery Analysis Division, CIA

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[REDACTED]

25X1A SUBJECT:

Target Center [REDACTED] Project)

1. After attending several meetings regarding the proposed establishment of a Clandestine Reconnaissance and Targeting Capability in Southeast Asia, and after numerous discussions with people having ideas on the subject, a few observations can now be made which could have some import in high-level decision making.

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2. In [REDACTED] working paper (see Attachment, p.2, para. 4) the implication is clear that the assets for the proposed Target Center shall have a long range utility for the Agency. The discussions to date for the proposed Target Center have been in terms of a more or less permanent installation to be constructed [REDACTED]. A real problem in this approach exists in the area of photo lab processing/printing/duplicating. If a future contingency called for timely redeployment of the Target Center assets the aircraft and personnel (including PIs) could readily move; the photo lab facilities would not likewise be available for redeployment. 25X1A

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3. Consideration might profitably be given to the use of photo processing vans in support of an Agency reconnaissance and targeting capability. The military has used this technique with a measure of success and its advantages in terms of overseas deployment are undeniably considerable. If [REDACTED] and/or DDP envisions a long stay [REDACTED] (3 to 5 years) the construction of a permanent installation (including photo lab facilities) is probably the best approach to the immediate problem. However, the DCI might want to consider the "trailer" concept as it applies to photo processing in any plans to develop a recce/targeting capability. The PIs with their fly-away kits are highly mobile and can be housed in a tent if need be; mobility and timely deployment for the photo lab portion of any proposed capability is entirely a different story. 25X1A

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4. Assuming [ ] proposal gets the go-ahead from the DCI, I believe the scope of the operation will soon require the know-how and knowledge of other Agency personnel within NPIC. Inputs will undoubtedly have to be made by P&DS and PSD; their inclusion into the project is now possibly in order. Much work will have to be done in the area of photo lab equipment and photo lab personnel; appointment of selected individuals to particular problems might soon be required to provide [ ] with the information he needs.

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5. Representing the Imagery Analysis Division at [ ] meetings places me in the position of receiving whatever requests for support [ ] deems necessary from NPIC. These requests will be promptly passed to you for your consideration and recommendations. Until notified otherwise I shall continue to provide [ ] with the information he needs -- only after it has been reviewed by you.

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1 ATTACHMENT

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A telephone request for briefing materials of the Chinese Missile Test

25X1A Center was received from [redacted], Office of Security by [redacted]

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IAD on Monday 27 June. This material, to include [redacted] recent KH-4

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materials in a "sanitized form" is to be used in a joint DD/P and DDS&T

25X1A briefing [redacted] on Tuesday afternoon at Langley.

In response to this request, [redacted] two 1966 KH-4 boards

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are being prepared from materials existing in MEB/IAD and are to be forwarded

to Headquarters via special courier around noon on Tuesday. No attempt was

made to "sanitize" the KH-4 boards, however, the TCS numbers and classifica-

tions are so affixed that they can be removed providing permission is received

from the Director to release this material.

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