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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

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ATTENTION : Mr. [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Preliminary Comment on GRC 136, flown on 27 December 1962.

1. This mission was successful in providing several items of new intelligence despite the fact that many targets were obscured by adverse weather.

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2. Jet fighter strength at Kunming has been increased. The flight of at least 20 jet fighters to this field was reflected in communications intelligence on 25 December. The mission confirmed at least 56 MIG-type fighters on the field on 27 December. At least one regiment of jet fighters--about 30 aircraft--has been based at Kunming for a number of years. Whether this recent deployment represents a rotation of units or a permanent augmentation cannot yet be determined. However, there are some indications in [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] that it may be a permanent deployment. In this connection, there have been some recent improvements in the Southwest China (Kunming) Air Defense District involving the establishment of two new sub-sector filter centers.

3. Several barracks areas were disclosed. One at Mengtzu about 45 miles north of the North Vietnamese border on the rail line between Hanoi and Kunming contains about 275 barracks. Another at Wenshan, farther to the east on the Sino-Vietnam border, contains about 230 barracks. These disclosures, together with information reported in the North Vietnamese SitSum, indicate that the Chinese have garrison facilities for about 100,000 troops along the southern Yunnan border area between Wenshan and Fohai near the Burma border. We estimate that at the present time there are probably about 35,000 Chinese troops in this area. Other smaller garrison areas were disclosed at Tung Lo with 164 barracks

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and at Kuan Hu with 50 barracks. Both locations are in the general Nanning area.

4. The rail line between Nanning and Langson in North Vietnam was covered as was the section between Kunming and Lao Kay. Marshalling yards at Kunming, Pinghsiang, and Dong Dang were covered. The degree of activity disclosed was at normal or less than normal levels.

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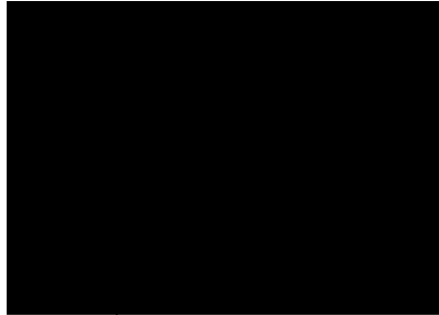
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