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**Preliminary Report**

**U-2 RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS C595C and C605C**

**Flown 23 and 28 November 1965**

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

**Directorate of Science and Technology**



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**U-2 RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS C595C and C605C**

**Flown 23 and 28 November 1965**

**MISSION HIGHLIGHTS**

**Mission C595C, flown 23 November, was over southwest China, Burma, Laos, North Vietnam and parts of Thailand for 1 hour and 56 minutes and collected photographic intelligence on 25 COMOR targets.**



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**Two fighters were reflected in**

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**response to the mission; neither of them posed a threat to the mission.**



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**Mission C605C, flown 28 November was over parts of south  
and 13 minutes  
and southeast China for 2 hours and photographed 31 COMOR  
targets.**



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**pilots. Mission C595C was staged from Takli, Thailand. Mission  
C605C was flown from Taiwan. See figures 1 and 2 for mission  
routes and tables 2 and 3 for targets covered.**

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**BACKGROUND C595C and C605C**

Mission C595C was flown on 23 November 1965. Launched in response to the USIB requirement for monthly coverage of priority COMOR targets on South China, the U-2, 

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, took off from Ban Takhli at 0230Z

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and returned to base at 0640Z for a total flight time of four hours and ten minutes. The payload consisted of the "B" camera and the SIGINT collection systems III and VI Defensive systems 9B, 12B, and 13A were also carried. The pilot reported the weather as better than the expected Category III (broken clouds).

Mission C605C, flown on 28 November, also encountered better weather conditions than predicted. On a round robin flight from Tao Yuan, Taiwan, the GRC mission successfully overflow six highest priority COMOR targets in Southeast China. The U-2 took off at

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0130Z, entered the mainland at 0310Z, exited at 0523Z and returned to base at 0640Z. The total flight time was five hours and ten minutes. The "B" camera, systems III, VI, 9B, 12B, and 13A were carried.

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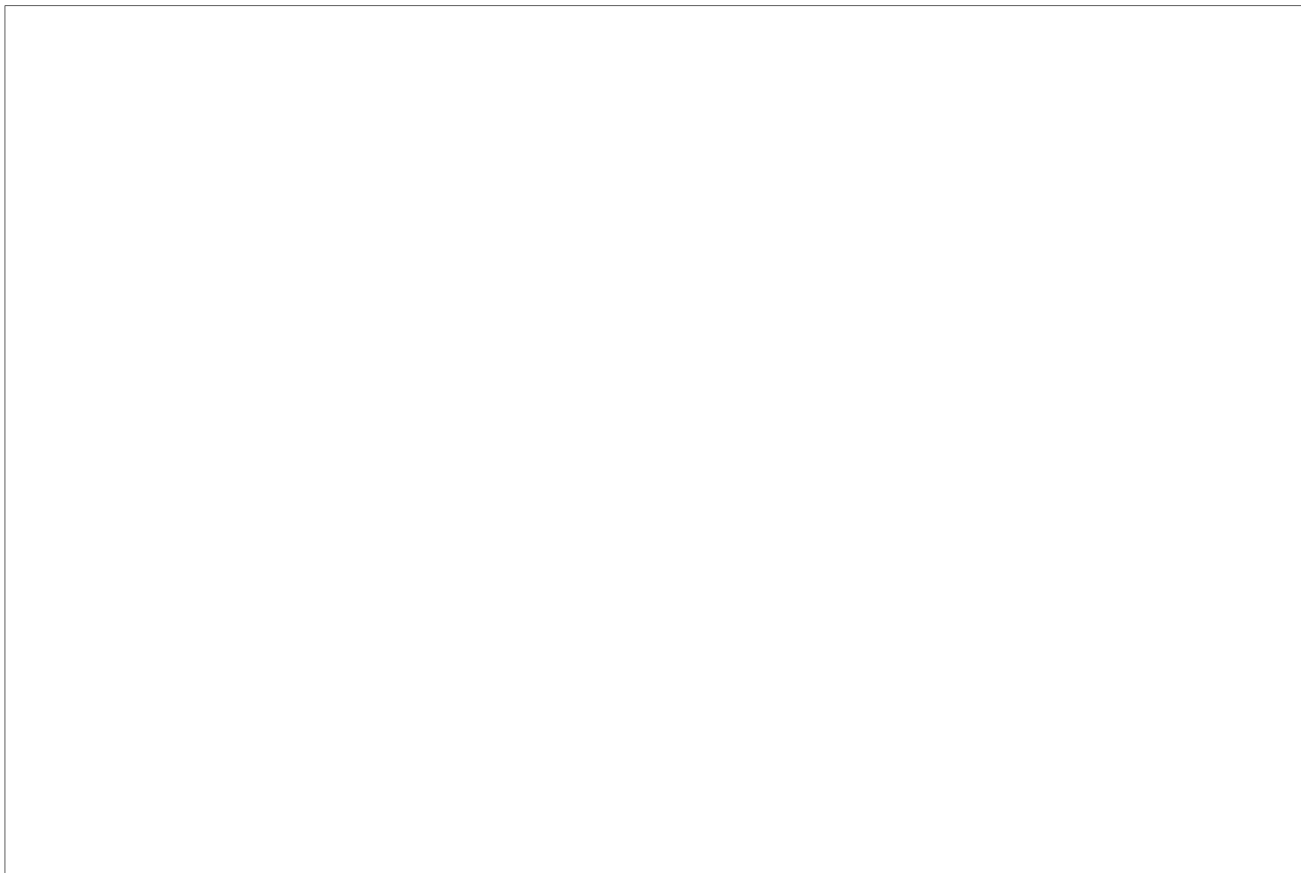
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**ANALYTICAL FINDINGS**

**Mission C595C  
23 November 1965**



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**PHOTOGRAPHY**

**The field evaluation of the mission photography shows that 68 targets in Burma, Laos, North Vietnam, and Southwest China were**



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covered. These targets include 16 airfields, 51 military installations, and one electronics facility. This includes 25 COMOR targets (See Table II.).

A photograph of [redacted] (figure 3) is included as an example of the photography obtained on the mission.

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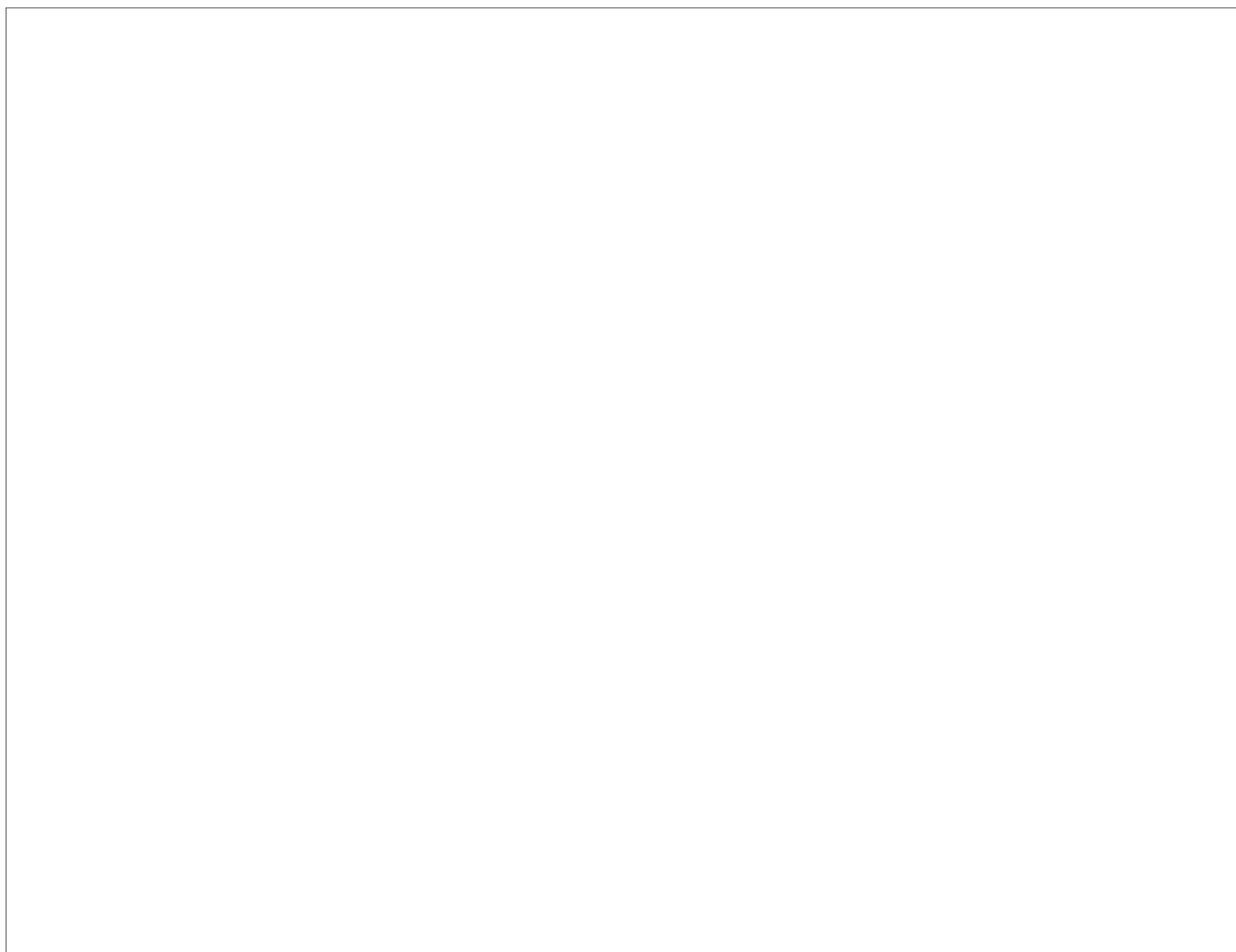
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**ANALYTICAL FINDINGS**

**Mission C605C  
28 November 1965**

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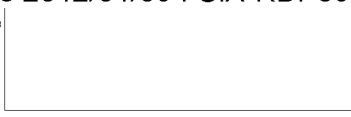
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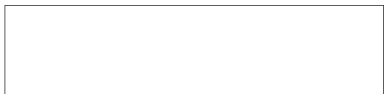
**Preliminary interpretation of the photographic intelligence obtained by the mission shows that 53 targets were covered. These include 20 airfields, 4 naval facilities, 2 electronics installations, 25 military complexes, and 2 urban areas. These include 31 COMOR targets. A photograph of [redacted] is included/an example of the photography obtained by the mission (see figure 4).**



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**TABLE I**



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**EARLY WARNING**

**GROUND CONTROL INTERCEPT**

**SCR-270 (1)**

**BAR LOCK**

**MOON CONE (1)**

**TOKEN (1)**

**KNIFE REST B (1)**

**BIG MESH (1)**

**CROSS SLOT (1)**

**HEIGHT FINDER**

**FIRE CONTROL**

**ROCK CAKE (1)**

**FAN SONG**

**WHIFF**

**FIRE CAN (1)**



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