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16 August 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: 25X1 Targeting for the [redacted]

1. The Chairman has examined documents relating to the above subject, including the two recently issued under the subject, "Points to Be Considered in Targeting the [redacted] (COMOR-D-56/14) and the discussion of the Committee (see COMOR-M-190, para 6, as revised). It is his belief that the COMOR would be unwise to restrict the programming of critical areas not related necessarily to a USSR attack on the United States since additional programming is possible without encumbering the operations of the vehicle and since a contingency might impel this Government to use the standby for other purposes whether in conjunction with the principal objective or otherwise. As a means to advise the Board and to allow it to make the decision which is fundamentally its on the question of what is included in the programming, the Chairman submits a draft paper for COMOR consideration to send to the Board.

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2. The Chairman has also taken account of the suggestion to consult with NIC. To this end he has not only made this paper available to [redacted] Director of NIC, but has also invited him to meet with the COMOR for this discussion on 22 August.

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James Q. Reber
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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MEMORANDUM FOR: United States Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Targeting for the [redacted]

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1. The United States Intelligence Board has requested the NRO to provide a standby satellite capability for use in emergency situations for the assessment of indicators of hostile military activities on the part of the USSR against the U. S. and its Allies. The NRO has undertaken to provide a standby capability which can be launched within 7 days after notice. The COMOR has devised a target list to be programmed into [redacted] and has procedures for updating this target list as required so that the program will be current at the moment of need and current when the film reaches NPIC.

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2. COMOR has selected those targets which appear to it to be most readily responsive to the satellite collection capability and to be the likely indicators of hostile activity or intent.

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4. In view of the fact that additional programming is possible, COMOR has elected to include targets in areas of the world which in a given emergency or set of circumstances could relate to hostile activity or intentions, as for example between the Soviet Union or China. It is

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recognized that such a military activity would be of secondary concern as compared with Soviet hostile action against the U. S. or its Allies.

In this regard, COMOR has identified and arranged the following areas

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- a. Sino-Soviet border;
- b. Sino-Indian border;
- c. Etc.

5. COMOR is submitting this memorandum to USIB for the following reasons:

- a. To advise USIB and higher authority if the Board deems necessary that the programming includes certain targets in addition to those considered to be most pertinent to indications of possible hostile action against the U. S. or its Allies.
- b. To point out that coverage of other areas is somewhat restricted by the angle of inclination considered best for the primary targets.
- c. To permit USIB to advise other appropriate sub-committees of the existence, capability, and present programming of the standby. (Tab A lists the present targets)
- d. To permit USIB adequate time to direct other agencies to plan in advance for receipt and analysis of the NPIC product, in order to achieve the most rapid judgment as to the existence of indicators

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