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TO: TAIPEI

HBILKA

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1. HBILKA SHOULD, WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, CONDUCT AIRDROP FAMILIARIZATION AND TEST WITH THE BOEING 727C. PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR HIGH ALTITUDE LEAFLET DROPS TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF TAIWAN. FAMILIARIZATION FOR HBILKA PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CONDUCTED PROMPTLY WITH LIGHT CARGO AND LEAFLET TYPE MATERIALS. IF AT THE SAME TIME HEAVY CARGO AND PERSONNEL CAN ALSO BE DROPPED, SO MUCH THE BETTER; BUT FAMILIARIZATION WHICH SHOULD PRECEDE LEAFLET DROPS SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED.

2. A BOEING COMPANY UNCLASSIFIED FILM WHICH PICTURES VENTRAL EXIT STAIRWELL CONFIGURATION FOR THE BOEING AND PROVIDES FOOTAGE OF TWO BOEING FLIGHTS CONDUCTED BY HBILKA IN EARLY 1964 IS BEING AIR MAILED TO TAIPEI. EXTENDED RANGE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED LEAFLET DROPS. HOWEVER, HEADQUARTERS REQUESTS A STATUS REPORT ON HBILKA'S PLANNING FOR INSTALLATION AND TESTING OF BAHIN FUEL TANKS IN 727C.

3. A PLANNING SCHEDULE WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED FOR THE PROPOSED LEAFLET DROP TESTING AND TAIPEI IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT HEADQUARTERS ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED. ALSO ADVISE REGARDING EVENTUAL TESTS FOR PERSONNEL DROP.

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