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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)

SUBJECT : Daily Activity Report - 21 November 1963

1. OX CART Status, 20 November 1963:

Scheduled flights on Aircraft #122, #124, #125, #126, #127, and #129 were cancelled due to weather. For detailed aircraft status see attached message.

2. GENERAL ITEMS:

a. [redacted] OSA, will leave for Formosa on or about 30 November for one week's duration. Purpose of the trip is to brief appropriate personnel on System 9A, System 12A, BIRDWATCHER, System 13, and also on the tactical doctrine involved in evasive maneuvers. (b)(3)

b. The Lockheed Aircraft Corp. project engineer for BIRDWATCHER departed for KWCARD on 20 November with a complete BIRDWATCHER kit for Aircraft #358.

c. Systems configuration and hardware for the engineering prototype BIRDWATCHER unit for OXCART has been completed. Installation in Aircraft #131 is scheduled for completion on or about 15 December.

d. [redacted] of the Lockheed Missile Systems Corp. will be visiting Mr. Parangosky, OSA, on 21 November for a review of the CORONA status and discussions of unsolicited proposals. (b)(3)

3. SATELLITE SCHEDULE: No change.

4. BRASS KNOB: On mission 3777 an Agency U-2 number 350 was lost. The pilot, Lt. Col. Hyde, reported operations normal on coast out point north of Matanzas. After passing Key West at 69,000 feet (verified by U.S. radar), the aircraft made a rapid descent to 2,000 feet where the aircraft was lost

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41 miles northwest of Key West. Search aircraft sighted an oil slick, a parachute, and a life raft. The pilot was not sighted.

A Navy salvage vessel and divers were sent to the area. The water there is approximately 54 feet deep, so there is hope that the wreckage can be raised and examined.

Another mission, 3778, is scheduled for today, 21 November 1963.

5. EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE: Preparation for deployment to cover Venezuelan targets.

6. BAN TAKHLI, THAILAND: IDEALIST activities de-activated. The U-2 and KC-135 arrived at Hickam AFB on schedule at 20/2255EST enroute to Edwards AFB.

7. TAO YUAN, TAIWAN: U-2 #358 out for periodic inspection and installation of BIRDWATCHER equipment.

8. PUERTO RICAN SURVEY: A Headquarters team of operations, security, communications, and materiel personnel is now at Ramey AFB, Puerto, to coordinate facilities for the deployment of IDEALIST assets to that station. Several conferences and a Tactical Air Command Exercise are scheduled there for this weekend. The team will meet with the Ramey AFB Commander at 0800 EST after which a report will be made to this Headquarters.

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