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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, CIA Reconnaissance Programs  
SUBJECT: Program Progress Report

Forwarded herewith are four copies of the IDEALIST  
1 July 1974 - 30 September 1974  
Program Progress Report for the period 1 April 1974 - 30 June 1974.

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OPERATIONAL SUMMARY AND STATUS

(1 April 1974 - 30 June 1974)

I. (TS) OPERATIONAL MISSION SUMMARY

A. Ten IDEALIST TACKLE missions were alerted during this period. [redacted]

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[redacted] All missions were planned to be flown no closer than 25 nautical miles to the China mainland coast. The following is a summary of the missions flown:

1. [redacted] along the north central China coast from the Shantung Peninsula south to Shanghai. The mission employed the "H" camera system. All aircraft systems operated normally and there were no observed threats to the aircraft. Seventy-two of the 99 programmed targets and 27 bonus targets were covered on this mission.

2. [redacted] used the "H" camera system and was flown [redacted] in the Swatow and Pratas Island areas. Because of target area weather, only four of 13 programmed targets were photographed. All systems operated normally during the mission.

3. [redacted] along the north central China coast from Shantung south to Shanghai. The "H" camera system was used and 51 of the 63 programmed targets were covered. Forty-eight bonus targets were covered. There were no unusual occurrences and all systems operated normally.

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4. [redacted] used the "H" camera system and was flown in the Taiwan Strait area [redacted] A weather abort was made midway through the mission. Seven of the 78 programmed targets were covered plus two bonus targets.

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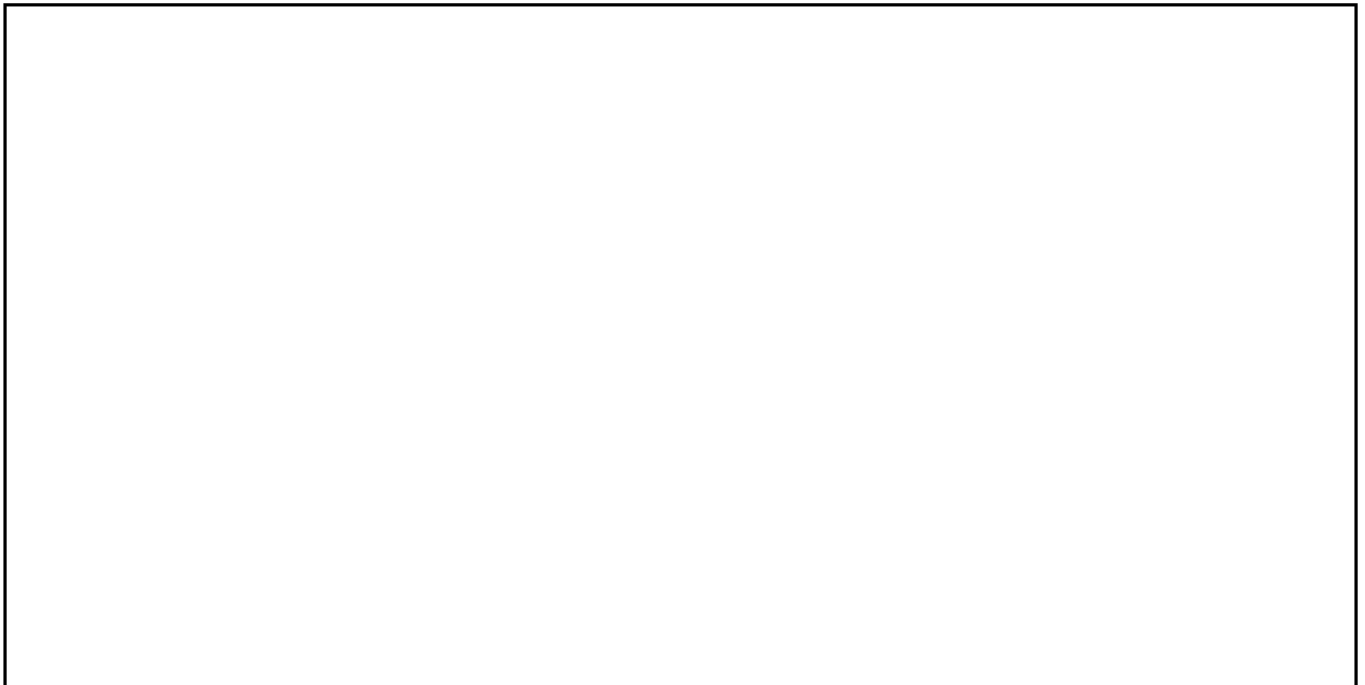
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5. [redacted] in the Taiwan Strait area using the "H" camera system. The mission went as briefed and 44 of the 50 programmed targets were covered. Nine bonus targets were also covered. There were no unusual occurrences.

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6. [redacted] in the Port Arthur area of the north China coast. The mission employed the "H" camera system. Forty-six of the 52 programmed targets plus 18 bonus targets were covered. All systems operated normally.

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II. (S) GENERAL

A. BRAVE CREW - Four sorties were flown over Fort Hood, Texas, to provide the Department of the Army with photographic coverage of the JCS coordinated "Exercise BRAVE CREW 74."

B. Geological Survey - Four sorties were flown to provide photographic coverage of selected CONUS sites for land use analysis by the Army Corps of Engineers. The following sorties were flown:

1. Oklahoma City - Three sorties.
2. Cuyahoga River, Ohio-Illinois River, Illinois - One sortie.

C. COMPASS TRIP - One sortie was flown over the poppy field test site at Yuma, Arizona.

D. "B-3" Camera Test - Ten sorties were flown in support of the modified "B" configuration.

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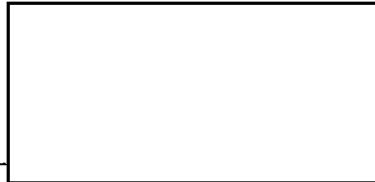


III. (TS) PILOT AND AIRCRAFT STATUS (AS OF 30 JUNE 1974)

A. Detachment "G" (Edwards AFB - North Base)

Aircraft 2 U-2R\*

Pilots

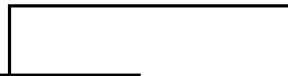


B. Detachment "H"

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Aircraft 2 U-2R

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DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY AND PROGRESS

(1 April 1974 - 30 June 1974)

I. (S) AIRFRAME

U-2R Flight Test and Operational Training Summary

1. IDEALIST Program accomplishments in U-2R aircraft since introduction include 13,524.8 hours on 4,168 sorties as of 30 June 1974.

2. Flight test and operational data are depicted below:

	<u>1 APR-30 JUN</u> <u>FLIGHTS</u>	<u>1 APR-30 JUN</u> <u>TIME</u>
1 - 051	41	111.7
2 - 053	46	133.6
3 - 054	65	194.8
4 - 055	<u>13</u>	<u>39.2</u>
TOTAL	165	479.3

II. (S) PAYLOAD

A. "H" Mirror S/N 002: The new beryllium mirror ordered under Contract HY 3222 late in FY 1973 completed production during this quarter, and was formally accepted for the U.S. Government on 23 May 1974. Installation of this mirror into "H" configuration S/N 002 was completed on 18 June. Because of limited aircraft availability, flight qualification of sensor/mirror was delayed. Approximately five sorties are tentatively scheduled over a 2 week period in early July to qualify the "H" S/N 002 sensor system.

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III. (S) MAINTENANCE

A. Autopilot - An engineering change proposal to modernize the article's rate gyros in order to provide a more stable platform was received from the contractor by the Depot in early June. After review, this engineering change proposal was accepted and acquisition of rate gyros to equip the entire fleet was initiated. A 12 to 14 month span is planned to complete retrofit actions.

B. T-35 Tracker Camera - Light emitting diode (L.E.D.) prototype components to modify the T-35 tracker camera were obtained, and two successful flight tests at standard cycle rate (1 cy/30 seconds) were accomplished during this quarter. Final testing of the rapid cycle rate (1 cy/3 seconds) will occur in early July. The results of all testing will be provided to the Depot for continued action.

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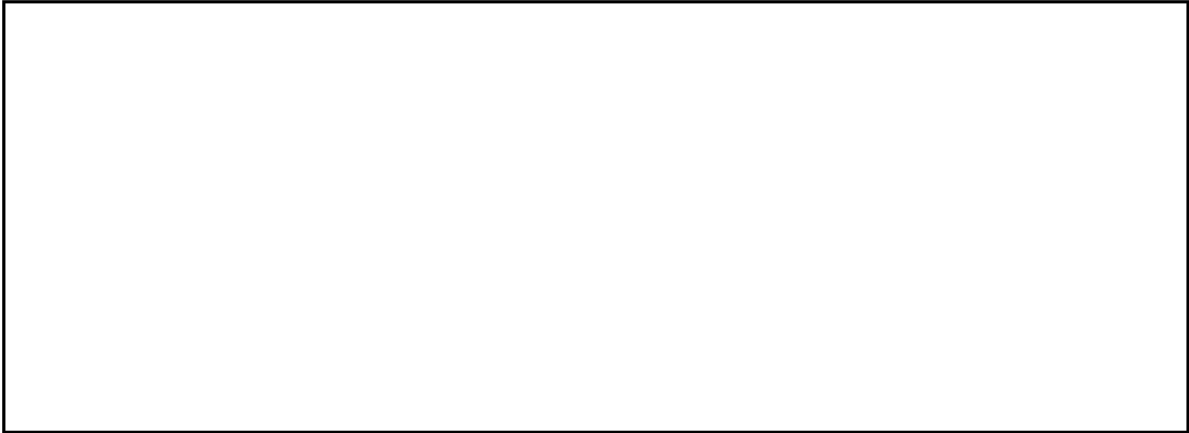
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4. The contract with Lovelace Clinic at Albuquerque, New Mexico, will be terminated as of 1 August 1974. The Lovelace Clinic has performed annual physicals on Project pilots for many years.

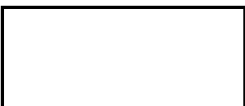
B. Life Support Activities

1. [ ] AMS/OSA, visited David Clark Company, Worcester, Massachusetts, 30 April - 1 May 1974. The purpose of the visit was for orientation and update on the latest life support equipment. Also discussed was a shark screen presently under consideration as a survival item.

2. [ ] also visited the School of Aviation Medicine (SAM), Brooks AFB, Texas, from 3 - 6 June 1974 to participate in discussions with SAM personnel and [ ] regarding a follow-on prototype of the [ ] polycarbonate helmet. The new helmet will incorporate many new modifications and will be funded by SAM research [ ] Additional meetings pertaining to the new helmet will be held with NASA/SAM and research work will be continued at Brooks AFB, Texas.

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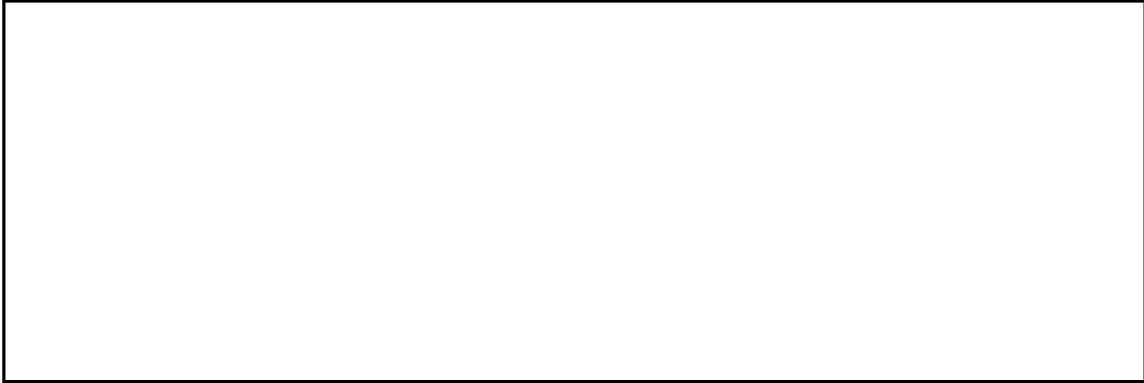
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C. Scientific Conference - The annual Aerospace Medical Association Scientific Meeting was held in Washington, D.C., 6 - 9 May 1974 with [redacted] attending.

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