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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operations Division, OSA

SUBJECT: Critique on Missions GRC 153 and GRC 154

1. Following is a list of discrepancies and comments derived from the critique of missions GRC 153 and GRC 154. The critique was late getting started because of the late arrival of a few participants. Development Division and the Security Staff were not represented. All those who were present were reminded that the critique is a required action and should note that prompt arrival is necessary so that the critique will proceed with dispatch.

a. The [REDACTED] on both tracks showed tracker plots almost precisely on the briefed track. Many of them were on briefed points.

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Comment: INTEL was requested to compare the briefed route with the NPIC readout and report their findings. (Closed item unless there is a marked divergence from the [REDACTED])

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b. ID/OSA was requested to determine the exact location of the suspect SAM Site at Lan-chou.

Comment: This will be provided on the NPIC readout. (Item closed)

c. The weather forecasts for both missions were very accurate, and the Weather Staff was requested to give a "well done" to Weather Central.

Comment: This has been accomplished. (Item closed)

d. On mission GRC 154 the pilot turned short of point W because he mistook one airfield for another one. [REDACTED] will be reminded to emphasize the value of dead reckoning procedures.

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Comment: IDEALIST action. Report for [REDACTED] 154 was not available. INTEL has procedure under way to provide intercept reports earlier. (Open item)

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e. There is a possibility of a spurious signal on the System XII activator at Lan-chou; a possible failure of System VI, and there were extraneous signals on System VI on GRC 154.

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Comment: Communications Staff has taken action to verify the signals recorded from System XII to ascertain the possible two-minute failure on System VI from [REDACTED]. They have a modification which will eliminate extraneous signals on the master recorder of System VI. (Item closed)

2. Recommend this memorandum be distributed to all participants as a guide for their comments. All participants are reminded that notification of action taken and completed is required.

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