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ACTIVITY REPORT  
OFFICE OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES  
APRIL 1967

I. OXCART

A. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY AND PROGRESS

1. Contingency Planning [Redacted]

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No change.

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2. Contingency Planning [Redacted]

No change.

3. Deployment Planning [Redacted]

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No change.

4. Forward Base Exercise [Redacted]:

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A Forward Base Exercise was conducted by the OXCART Division at [Redacted] during the period 16 April through 20 April 1967. Representatives from Project Headquarters, SAC/Beale and AFRDR-P participated as observers. This exercise was highly successful and no problem areas were encountered which would preclude operational missions being flown from this base.

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5. Control and Separation of Aircraft above FL 600:

a. Project Headquarters was represented at a meeting held at FAA on 21 April 1967. Representatives from the 9th SRW, Beale AFB, Headquarters SAC, Headquarters USAF and FAA were also in attendance.

b. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss methods for resolving conflicts in flight paths and high speed aircraft separation above FL 600.

c. The present method of altitude reporting above FL 600 by use of the coded altitude designator system was discussed and all participants agreed the system was adequate and necessary.

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Further, to assist center radar controllers, it was recommended that pilots report their altitudes, using the coded system, when passing from one center to another. After coordination with other users of the coded altitude reporting system, the above recommendation will be incorporated in FAA Order 7100.1A and CASF Msg. 80447.

6. Performance Data:

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b. This range increase was realized by adoption of the 32 thousand foot, level A/R as the primary air refueling tactic and from the demonstrated/proven performance published by Lockheed in Technical Data Change #46.

c. At the conclusion of a performance data meeting held at Project Headquarters 25-26 April 1967, it was agreed to incorporate this new performance data into operational mission planning as well as flight planning for everyday ZI training missions.

7. Project Pilot Inventory:

No change.

8. A-12 Aircraft:

No change.

9. Performance Statistics:

All performance statistics reported in January 1967 report ([Redacted]) remain unchanged with the following exception:

j. Average A-12 time Operationally Ready Detachment pilots. . . . .380 HRS

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II. IDEALIST

A. OPERATIONAL SUMMARY AND PROGRESS

1. General Summary

a. Two Agency U-2 overflights were flown during the month of April 1967.

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(1) Mission C147C was flown by [Redacted] on 9 April. Area covered was from Hainan inland north and east to include the Sui Chi and Canton areas with exit near Swatow. This was a highly successful mission. This was the tenth mission for [Redacted] and his final one with [Redacted]. He will now be retained to assist in the training [Redacted].

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(2) Mission C157C was flown by [Redacted] on 13 April. Route covered is sometimes referred to as the "North China Submarine Pen Mission". Area covered was from Port Arthur, North Korea to south of Shanghai. Excellent results were obtained as the weather was better than briefed and many outstanding target requests were fulfilled.

(3) Mission C137C was alerted for 6 April but was cancelled due to weather. This was the same route as C157C.

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B. [Redacted] 22 and 25 completed their [Redacted] training on 15 April and returned [Redacted]. This training was conducted [Redacted].

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C. On 3, 5 and 7 April, tests on the [Redacted] (System 22) were flown in Article 349 at [Redacted]. Preliminary information indicates that these tests were successful.

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D. [Redacted] were flown in Article 383 on 18, 19 and 21 April. Purpose of these tests were to determine if the [Redacted] would have any adverse effect on the [Redacted] or the Doppler Navigation System. Results of tests were satisfactory.

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E. System 17 test was scheduled with Article 349 on 26 April, which was cancelled due to inoperative system. It was flown on 27 April.

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F. Additional tests conducted during the month were three air data computer flights in Article 349, two Red Dot film tests, one [Redacted] film test and one [Redacted] checkout flight.

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G. Ferry of Article 383 from [Redacted] was accomplished. Aircraft departed [Redacted] on 25 April and arrived [Redacted] on 28 April after enroute stops [Redacted]

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and [Redacted] The personnel from [Redacted] to support the [Redacted] operation arrived at [Redacted] on 27 April.

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H. The two new [Redacted] arrived at [Redacted] on 27 April to begin their medicals, suiting and future training in the ZI.

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2. Product Improvement

a. System validation flights on the Doppler Systems were successfully completed during the month and the systems were deployed in support of an operational requirement.

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b. Two [Redacted] configurations were tested and modifications to the systems were performed to provide T-35 Tracker installation and Oscar Sierra antenna installation. Final flight tests and packaging modifications will be completed in early May. The systems will then be ready for deployment.

c. System 12C has been installed in Article 348 and is scheduled for test flight 2 May.

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