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Referring to Project TACKLE

8 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Walter N. Elder
Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: Information on Time Required for
Receipt of TACKLE Materials

1. Responding to your inquiry of several days ago which originated, I believe, in your discussion with the Director, I submit the following information. The information in the second paragraph originates in DPD/Special Projects Branch, which is the unit responsible. The information in the third paragraph I have obtained from NPIC, which has the responsibility for handling once the material has arrived in Washington.

2. Mission Landing Time

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Recovery and Unloading	:45	:45
Processing Tracker, Duping ELINT Tapes, Packaging and delivery to Taipei Airport	8:00	8:45
Loading, Clearances and T.O.	1:00	9:45
Flying Time to Wake Island (C-130)	10:00	19:45
Turn Around and T.O. (C-130)	3:00	22:45
Flying Time to Honolulu (C-130)	8:00	30:45
Transfer to ComAir (Jet)	3:00	33:45
ComAir to Los Angeles (Jet)	5:00	38:45
Transfer, etc. (Jet)	3:00	41:45
ComAir to Rochester via Chicago connection	13:00	54:45
To Eastman Kodak (EK)	1:00	55:45

Processing time at EK for materials for
preliminary readout at NPIC and delivery
to NPIC

39:00 94.45
(almost 4 days)

3. Upon receipt in Washington, NPIC can within twelve hours produce visual aids on selected targets such as the Director might desire. In emergency, of course, they could improve upon that.

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4. A note of explanation on the time required for processing at the factory is that we have a gentleman's agreement with the GRC to try to return to them within ten days after the mission has been accomplished a duplicate negative and the duplicate positive. Were we to delay the processing of that material until after the film required for the preliminary report by NPIC, there would be an estimated delay on the GRC film of about twenty-four hours. It is my feeling that we would be wise at least for the time being to leave our present arrangements on this matter as they are.

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