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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Defensive Systems Division, OSI

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ATTENTION:

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, OCS

FROM: Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA

SUBJECT: Search for SAM Sites on Hainan Island, China

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement C-SI4-82,105
(b) CIA/FID Project 31046-4

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 14 December 1964 requesting a search of Hainan Island, China to confirm or deny the existence of collaterally reported surface-to-air missile activity. The whole of Hainan Island was searched in detail in conjunction with the extensive SAM search of the Chinese mainland (Requirement C-SI5-82,240).

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2. All useable aerial photography of Hainan Island since [redacted] was utilized in this search. Of the [redacted] passes over the island, [redacted] were heavily cloud covered and the other covered only a very small area. [redacted] of these passes were searched.

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No surface-to-air missile sites were identified nor were any suspect facilities observed. Considering the cloud cover encountered on nearly all missions this search should not be construed as being a positive negation of surface-to-air missile activity on Hainan Island although it is believed that all parts of the island were seen clearly on at least one coverage. Listed below is the photography, qualifying factors and area covered on each search.

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3. The photo analyst on this project is [redacted] who may be contacted on extension [redacted] should you have any further questions.

4. This project is considered to be complete.

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