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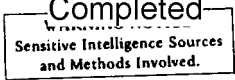
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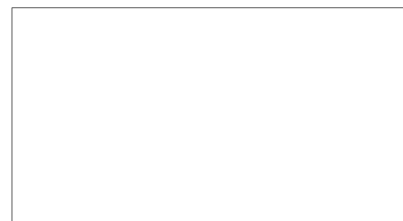
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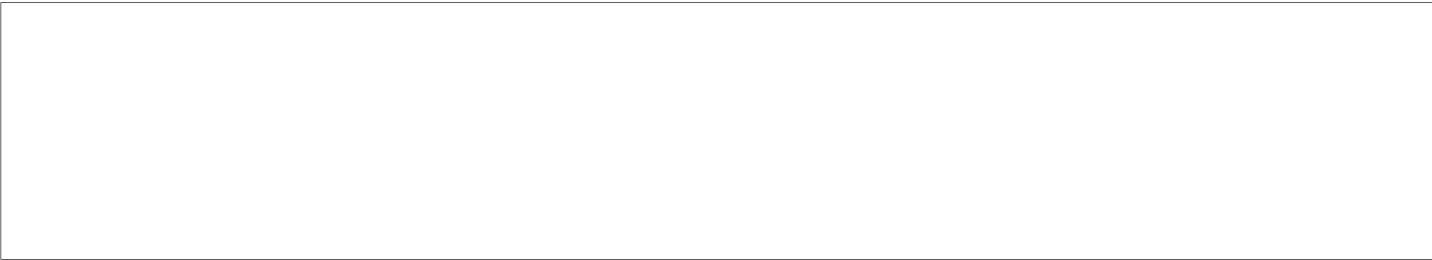
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ALTERNATES AND OBSERVERS PRESENT

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Section III (Action Items)

Cuba Requirements Review

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1. [redacted] reported the JCS has initiated a review of requirements for coverage of Cuba. He indicated Admiral de Poix plans to ask the Chairman, USIB, to review the standing requirement in view of pending changes in contingency planning.* [redacted] noted that maintenance of a reconnaissance presence over the island has been a primary factor in this collection activity and has been considered in conjunction with the actual intelligence needs for coverage.

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[redacted] but that is not as flexible or timely as the OLYMPIC FIRE collection has been. He felt imagery of the island collected over the past six months to a year in response to special developments should be reviewed to determine how essential it might be to have that kind of information in the future. There have been occasions when an incident in the Cuban area has prompted requests for aircraft reconnaissance. Prompt satisfaction of such special requirements has been possible in part due to the long-standing guidance that a reconnaissance presence should be maintained in the area. [redacted] preliminary view was that the Department of State would not consider maintaining a presence to be an overriding requirement in the absence of intelligence need for coverage. Staffing of the current review of the needs for coverage will be handled by ICRS and forwarded to COMIREX for approval and transmission to the USIB.

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*Subsequently forwarded to the USIB Secretariat and charged to COMIREX for action. See USIB-D-46.4/54, 18 April 1974 and COMIREX-D-24.3/2, 23 April 1974.

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2. The Chairman referred to the memorandum distributed 16 April transmitting approved guidelines for aerial reconnaissance of the [Redacted]. These guidelines were worked out over an extended period, involving considerable coordination and discussion with pertinent elements throughout the Government. They represent an attempt to establish, on a commonly understood basis, responsibilities and procedures for handling the product from BUSY PILOT (SR-71) and [Redacted]. [Redacted] The guidelines have been approved and accepted at the policy level.

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4. The Chairman expressed appreciation on behalf of himself and the Committee to the Air Force for the services of [Redacted] in serving as Acting Chairman, EXSUBCOM, while [Redacted] was away. [Redacted] has done an outstanding job and is to be commended for his efforts.

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Section V (Subcommittee and Working Group Reports)

None.

Section VI (Secretary's Note)

Guidelines for PACOM Inadvertent Overflight Film Handling/Reporting (COMIREX-D-2.3/5)

1. COMIREX Members concurred by telephone 10 April 1974 in the DIA-sponsored and EXSUBCOM coordinated and approved guidelines for film handling and reporting procedures to be followed in the event of an inadvertent overflight by reconnaissance aircraft operating in the PACOM.

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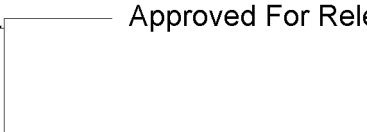
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Aircraft and Drone Reconnaissance Activities

4 - 17 April 1974

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BUSY PILOT/GIANT REACH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Results</u>
4 Apr	1A-002/XA-012	100%/40% cloud free

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
4 Apr	317T/QA313	Hwy 14, Highlands Corridor Search (Laos, RVN)	MARS *
4 Apr	328/QA314	Hwy 9, 556A, 608, 92, 162 (Laos, RVN)	MARS
6 Apr	942/QA315	Hwy 555, 556, Q122, Khe Sanh SAM Sites (Laos, RVN)	MARS
6 Apr	969/QA316	Hwy 14, Central Highlands Corridor Search (RVN)	MARS
9 Apr	967/QA317	Saigon Area Corridor Search (Cambodia, RVN)	MARS
9 Apr	917T/QA318	Hwy 914, 911 (Laos)	MARS
12 Apr	969V/QA319	Hwy 14, Central Highlands Corridor Search (RVN)	MARS
15 Apr	965/QA321	Hwy 9, 92, 234, 914, 925, 9110 (Laos)	MARS
17 Apr	956V/QA323	Central Highlands Corridor Search (RVN)	MARS
17 Apr	329/QA324	Khe Sanh Afd, Hwy 9, 556, 608, 925 (RVN, Laos)	MARS

*MARS - Mid-Air Recovery System

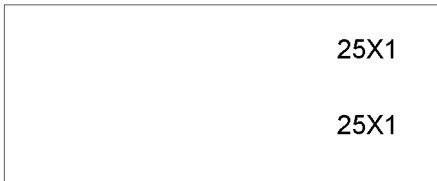
GIANT SCALE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
5 Apr	SA037	Korea DMZ	45% cloud free
7 Apr	SB055	Laos, RVN	85% cloud free
11 Apr	SA038	Korea DMZ	5% cloud free

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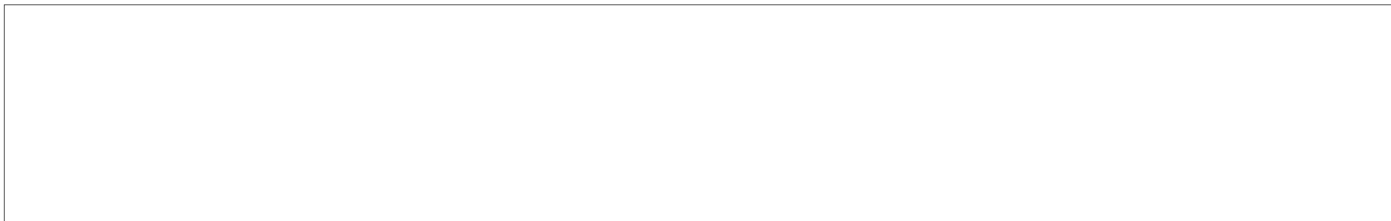
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
10 Apr	TA028	Laos	25X1 79% cloud free



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MEMORANDUM FOR: COMIREX Members and Consultants

SUBJECT : Special Annex to COMIREX-M-202

The attached Special Annex to COMIREX-M-202 covering the 4 April 1974 COMIREX meeting is forwarded for your review and record.

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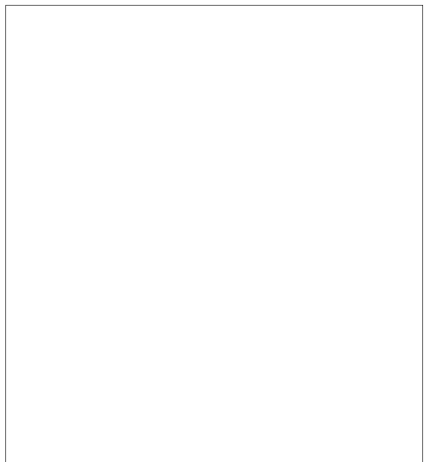
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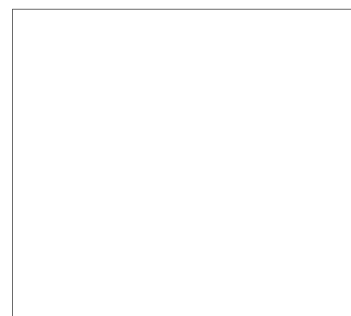
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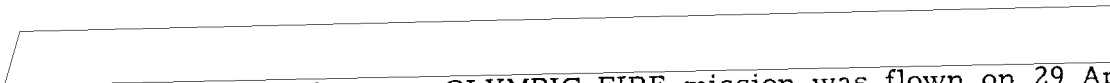
Aircraft and Drone Activities

2. Reports on aircraft and drone activities during the period 21 March - 3 April 1974 are attached at Tab B. Mr. Howard reported a successful GIANT SCALE overflight of North Vietnam on 28 March. Ninety percent cloud-free coverage was reported.

3. Because of some difficulties with Cuban reaction to OLYMPIC FIRE missions, rules of engagement are being reviewed and may be modified. Another mission will be scheduled after this review is completed.**

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**Subsequently, the next OLYMPIC FIRE mission was flown on 29 April.

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Section III (Action Items)

Middle East Review

1. The Chairman noted that delays in the scheduled BUSY PILOT mission have been caused by a combination of weather constraints and policy questions on timing. * Procedures and guidelines are being worked up which hopefully, when they have been fully coordinated and reviewed at higher levels, will become the basis for handling Middle East overflight materials on a regular basis. **

[Redacted]

2. The DIA Member reported on the dual aspects of the upcoming SR-71 Middle East mission. The portion of the mission [Redacted] will be designated as a GIANT REACH operation with the film to be handled in the regular manner for such a mission. [Redacted]

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*The mission was successfully flown on 6 April 1974.
**These guidelines, as subsequently approved, were issued for limited distribution under COMIREX-D-29.3/16, 16 April 1974.

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Automatic Data Handling Coordinating Group (CADCOG)

7. The DIA Member referred to his recommendations, forwarded earlier to the COMIREX staff,* for amendments to the charter of the ADP Data Handling Coordinating Group (COMIREX-D-32.10/1). Based on the charter as presently stated and his understanding of the Group's initial session, he was concerned that certain objectives sought by DIA would not be provided for.

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8. The Chairman did not feel this would be the case. The Group's objectives were intended to cover the points set forth in [Redacted] initial proposal and discussed at an earlier COMIREX meeting.** He considered it fundamental that some ADP expertise is required to deal with these questions. One of the difficulties in this field generally has been a tendency to view some of the problems without the advantage of such expertise. The CADCOG charter as drawn up is intended to incorporate the views of the Committee at large and not be restrictive. There is a requirement for the people involved to have a common reference base and that requires a certain amount of looking back to see how we reached the present point.

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*DIA Member's Memorandum for Chairman, COMIREX; 8 March 1974 [Redacted], and 8 April 1974 [Redacted]

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9. [redacted] asked that members review the memorandum he had issued on the CADCOG (COMIREX-D-32.10/1) in the context of his intention that it reflect community interests, and then provide comments to his office. The objective is to move relatively quickly at getting a first order understanding of the problem. The Group will then seek to develop a workable formula to combine, coordinate, and exchange information in a way which will be mutually profitable and of benefit to everyone concerned.

Section IV (Other Business)

Farewell to Security Consultant

1. The Chairman advised members that [redacted] who has served as Security Consultant to COMIREX for the past several years, will soon be retiring from the Central Intelligence Agency and today would be his last meeting with COMIREX.

[redacted] wanted to express the very genuine appreciation of the Committee for the support [redacted] provided and for the able counsel and guidance he has given over the past years. We are losing a tremendous amount of professional expertise and so view [redacted] departure with regret. Speaking on behalf of all those present, the Chairman thanked [redacted] for his efforts on behalf of COMIREX and wished him well as he leaves his government career.

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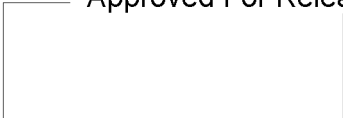
2. [redacted] introduced [redacted] of CIA's Special Security Center who will serve as Security Consultant to COMIREX. [redacted] can be reached on [redacted]

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Secretary's Note

Second-Phase Exploitation -- SA-1 Sites in Warsaw Pact Countries
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1. There having been no dissent expressed by any COMIREX member, the EXSUBCOM action to transfer second-phase exploitation



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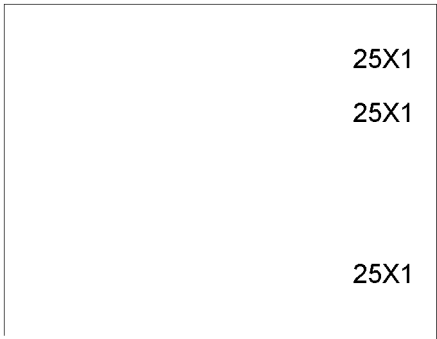


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Aircraft and Drone Reconnaissance Activity
21 March 1974 - 3 April 1974

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
21 Mar	967/QA298	Infiltration Corridor Search (RVN, Cambodia)	MARS *
21 Mar	324/QA299	Hwy 160, 9, 96, 92, 512 (Laos, RVN)	MARS
24 Mar	957/QA302	Hwy 9222, 922, 914, 911, 23, Tchepone, A Shau Afld (Laos, RVN)	MARS
24 Mar	309A/QA303	Khe Sanh SAM Sites, Hwy 9, Area Search (Laos, RVN)	MARS
25 Mar	965/QA304	Hwy 9, 92, 234, 914, 925, 9110 (Laos)	MARS
25 Mar	948/QA305	Khe Sanh SAM Sites, Khe Sanh Afld, Hwy 9 (Laos, RVN)	MARS
26 Mar	739/QA306	Hwy 8, 12, 23, 121, 122, 123, 125, 911 (Laos)	MARS
26 Mar	956/QA307	Central Highlands Infiltration Corridors (RVN)	MARS
30 Mar	312/QA308	Hwy 923, 9224, 548, A Shau Valley Search (Laos)	MARS
30 Mar	309A/QA309	Khe Sanh SAM Sites, Hwy 9, Area Search (Laos, RVN)	MARS

*Mid-Air Recovery System

GIANT SCALE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
27 Mar	SA036	Korea DMZ	60% cloud free
28 Mar	SB053	NVN Overflight, Laos, RVN	90% cloud free
31 Mar	SB054	Laos, RVN, Cambodia	50% cloud free

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OLYMPIC FIRE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Coverage/Remarks</u>
21 Mar	GA041	0% recalled for Cuban fighter reaction later determined to be spoof.
29 Mar	GA043	0% recalled for Cuban fighter reaction later determined to be spoof.

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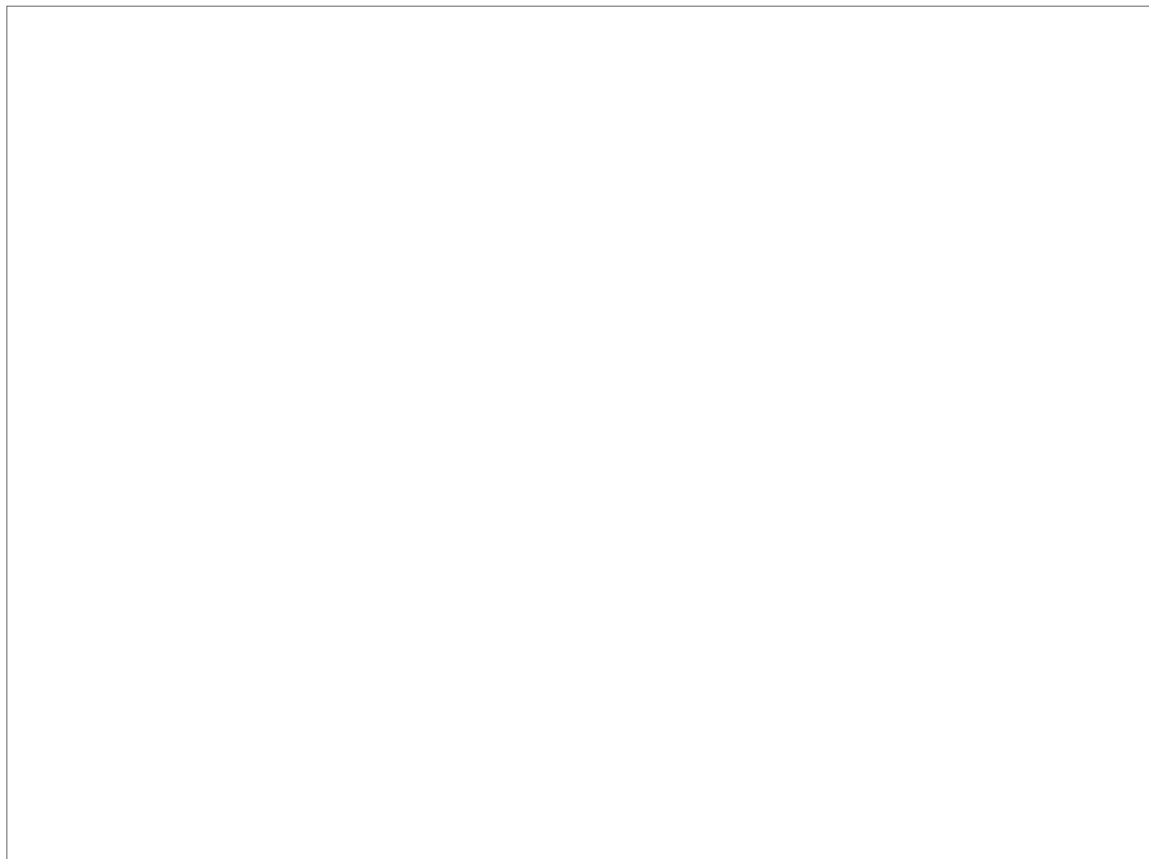
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Aircraft and Drone Activities

2. Reports presented on aircraft and drone activities during the period 8-20 March 1974 are attached at Tab D.

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SECTION III (Action Items)

Middle East Review

1. The Chairman noted that the first BUSY PILOT mission is being handled as a rather special case and this has raised a number of problems. In this instance the importance of meeting the primary objective of the mission has been judged paramount and, as a result, the handling of information from the mission has been determined by that consideration. The primary purpose of the mission has been served quite well, but the data have not yet been authorized for release in normal channels.

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2. [redacted] asked if guidance is available on what can be released about the BUSY PILOT program, noting problems have been created by the stringent controls that have been imposed to date. The Chairman felt there is an awareness of the difficulties that have been created throughout the community, but the mission was flown for a very particular purpose and decision was made not to handle the total content and flow of data from it in a routine fashion. This meant that some intelligence uses would be held up to guarantee the primary purpose would not be jeopardized. While there is still no release authority for the data, the problem created by absence of such authority is well understood. [redacted] felt that, after this initial mission has been reviewed in its full context, more regularized procedures will be set up for future missions.

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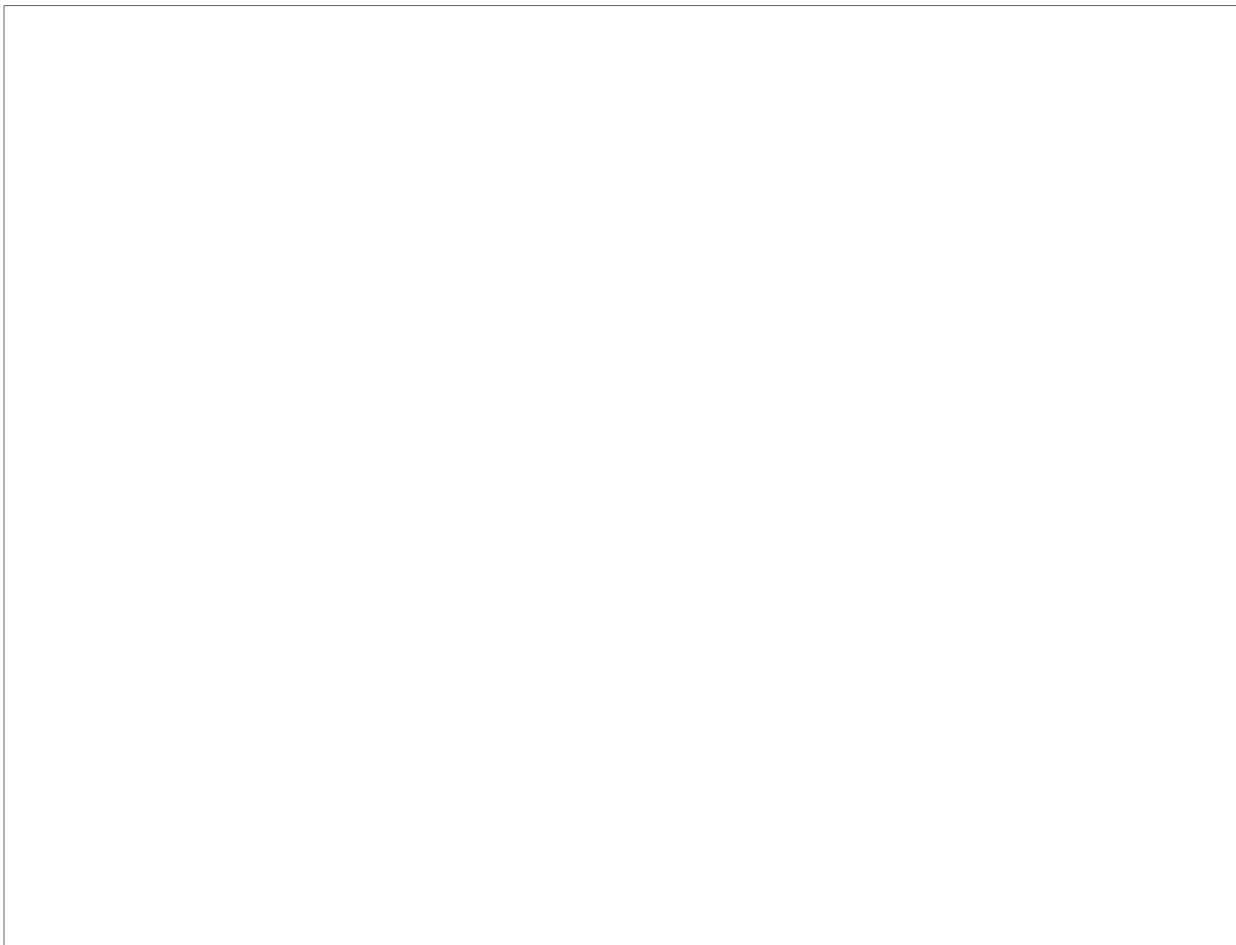
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Key Intelligence Questions Evaluation Process (KEP) (COMIREX-D-16.6/1)

9. The Chairman referred to [redacted] briefing on the Key Intelligence Question Evaluation Process (KEP) at the last meeting* and reported that the NIO baseline evaluations have been received on seven of the twelve Key Intelligence Questions (KIQs) to be considered. These have been distributed to COMIREX members** and the ICRS staff will draft responses for each of them. These drafts will be circulated to ICRS and to EXSUBCOM for comments and inputs before a consolidated draft is prepared for COMIREX coordination.

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*See COMIREX-M-200, Section I, paras. 2-5.
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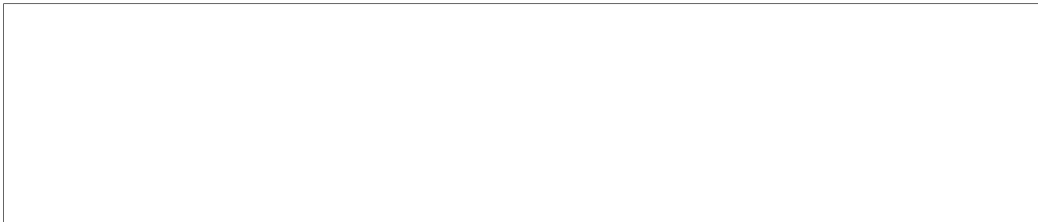
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10. [redacted] noted the request calls for response in two weeks but, since this is the initial iteration and we are looking at both procedures and content, this deadline may not be met.

[redacted] planned to have a draft of the first response (KIQ 2c) ready for review with the Executive Secretary tomorrow and for distribution to ICRS and EXSUBCOM early next week. This will serve as the pilot item and after it is set, the others should move fairly smoothly. The plan is to have detailed "free text" explanatory material for each of the main submissions. The Chairman reminded members that, because the responses are to be so highly formatted, there are imagery collection aspects that will not have visibility unless addressed in supplementing text. Members will want to focus particularly on this aspect of the responses.

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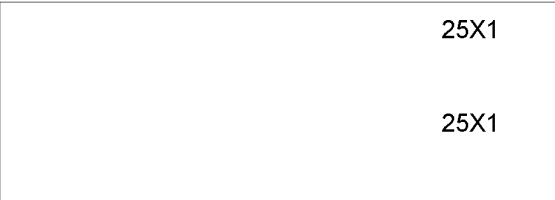


12. [redacted] questioned whether Section VI, which addresses sanitization of KH-4 materials [redacted] should be included in what is primarily a decompartmentation paper. He suggested this subject be dealt with separately.

[redacted] explained that these provisions are already operative under the separate directive issued last January by the Director of Central Intelligence. They had been included in these guidelines to consolidate instructions relating to KH-4 materials in one document. He had not thought this would create confusion since the impetus for providing these materials [redacted] had the same basis as that for the modification program itself. The Chairman asked members to check within their organizations and notify the Executive Secretary by tomorrow as to their views on retaining the present Section VI in the final version.*

*Subsequently, this section was deleted in the final paper forwarded to USIB.

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13. [redacted] referred to paragraph V.A.2(a) of the draft, noting it would be difficult to interpret and implement.

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[redacted] indicated that these statements were designed to highlight the point that there will be some threshold at which, when you begin releasing this data in quantity, it could begin to impact on aspects which were otherwise quite clearly to be protected. There are obviously cases where a matter of judgment is involved.

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14. [redacted] reported he had encountered some problems in staffing the Phase II guidelines* since COMIREX members had not been actively involved prior to its being sent to USIB. The Chairman explained this had been a matter of expediency. The driving factor at the time was to enable the earliest possible initial community use of satellite materials under the new modification program, with the expectation that this would be to everyone's benefit. It is planned to go through the normal coordination stages on the remaining phases. Members were asked to provide their comments or concurrence on the Phase III draft by noon tomorrow, after which it will be forwarded to the Board for review and noting.**

*USIB-D-46.2/30 (COMIREX-D-2.2/6) 18 January 1974.

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SECTION IV (Other Business)

Status of Color Evaluation Working Group

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1. [redacted] had asked for this item on the agenda. He has had a number of requests and queries about availability of the Color Evaluation Working Group report and wanted to insure that everything possible is done to have this report--approved by EXSUBCOM in November--published and distributed at an early date.

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2. The Chairman agreed that the report should be published soonest. He has had problems with the summary portions and is trying to resolve them with [redacted] and [redacted]. The Color Evaluation Working Group has done an outstanding job of assessment and the delay reflects no criticism of its work in any sense. Much of the material on which the report is based, however, pre-dates significant technical developments in the color reproduction area that applied [redacted]. Because of the qualitative differences in the later color material, the report actually must deal with two sets of data--the [redacted] material making up one part and the [redacted] material making up the other. There are instances in the draft summary where that relationship is identified but then the statistical material is presented in a way which raises questions as to whether it relates to the older or newer material. That problem has to be recognized and dealt with in the summary section of the report, which is the only part some recipients will read. There is no problem in the detailed supporting data. [redacted] wanted the report to be self-contained and has been trying to find a way to modify the summary to avoid the need of a separate covering memorandum to make this clarification.

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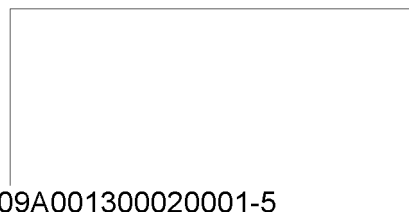
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3. The next step will be to meet further with the Chairman, EXSUBCOM to work out a satisfactory solution to the problem. The Chairman did not feel it desirable to send the report to COMIREX until this had been done. He assumed members were aware of the report's content through their EXSUBCOM members. The Chairman, EXSUBCOM, and the Chairman, CEWG, have provided proposed modifications which have gone part way toward solving the problem. He is looking for the minimum change that will make the point. Members agreed that much effort and time has gone into this study and it should be published as soon as possible. [redacted] will try to complete action on the summary as a priority matter.

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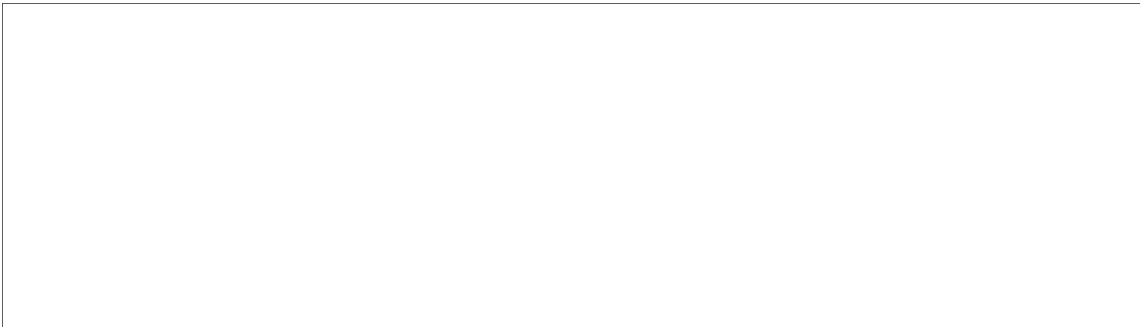
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4. [redacted] introduced [redacted] USAF, who will be serving as Acting Chairman, EXSUBCOM, while [redacted] is away for training. He expressed COMIREX appreciation to the Air Force for making [redacted] available for this assignment.

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Aircraft and Drone Reconnaissance Activities
8-20 March 1974

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
12 Mar	327/QA285	Hwy 14, SAM Search (Laos, RVN)	MARS*
13 Mar	936V/QA286	Hwy 13, 18, 16, 23; Waterseg. 4 (Laos)	MARS
14 Mar	965/QA288	Hwy 9, 92, 234, 914, 925, 9110 (Laos)	MARS
14 Mar	948/QA289	Khe San SAM Sites, Khe Sanh Afld, Hwy 9 (RVN, Laos)	MARS
15 Mar	956/QA290	Central Highlands Corridor Search (RVN)	MARS
15 Mar	739/QA291	Hwy 8, 12, 23, 121, 122, 123, 125, 911 (Laos)	MARS
19 Mar	319T/QA294	Hwy 13, 131, 14 (Cambodia, RVN)	MARS
19 Mar	936V/QA295	Hwy 13, 18, 16, 23; Waterway seg. 4 (Laos)	MARS
20 Mar	965/QA296	Hwy 9, 92, 234, 914, 925, 9110 (Laos)	MARS
20 Mar	956/QA297	Central Highlands Corridor Search (RVN)	MARS

*MARS -- Mid-Air Recovery System

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
8 Mar	SA033	Korea DMZ	70% cloud free
11 Mar	SB050	Laos, Cambodia, RVN	30% cloud free
12 Mar	SA034	Korea DMZ	65% cloud free
18 Mar	SA035	Korea DMZ	80% cloud free

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
14 Mar	[Redacted]	42.4 percent of landmass

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MEMORANDUM FOR: COMIREX Members and Consultants
SUBJECT : Special Annex to COMIREX-M-200

The attached Special Annex and Tab C to COMIREX-M-200 covering the 7 March 1974 COMIREX meeting are forwarded for your review and record.

[Redacted Signature]

Executive Secretary
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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Section IV (Other Business)

EXSUBCOM "Task Team" Workshops

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1. [redacted] who is serving as Task Team Chief for the Analyst/Photo Interpreter Workshops being held to discuss [redacted] exploitation requirements, presented a briefing on the background, conduct, and status of the series of analyst/PI workshops set up to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas between analysts and photo interpreters. [redacted]

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[redacted] meeting together for two-three hours. These workshops will be cut off on 1 July even if not completed as there will be a repetitive factor and it is expected all major categories can be dealt with by that time. Copies of [redacted] notes are attached at Tab C.

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2. The Chairman wanted the Committee to have an opportunity to review the status of this activity which he considers both very difficult and very important. He felt it is going quite well and asked that members provide any support needed in their respective departments and agencies. The Chairman assured [redacted] he has the support of the Committee and urged him to proceed as outlined.

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[redacted] the DIA member, indicated that he regarded these workshops as one of the most important and valuable steps currently in progress in the COMIREX [redacted] planning process.

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Task Team Chief

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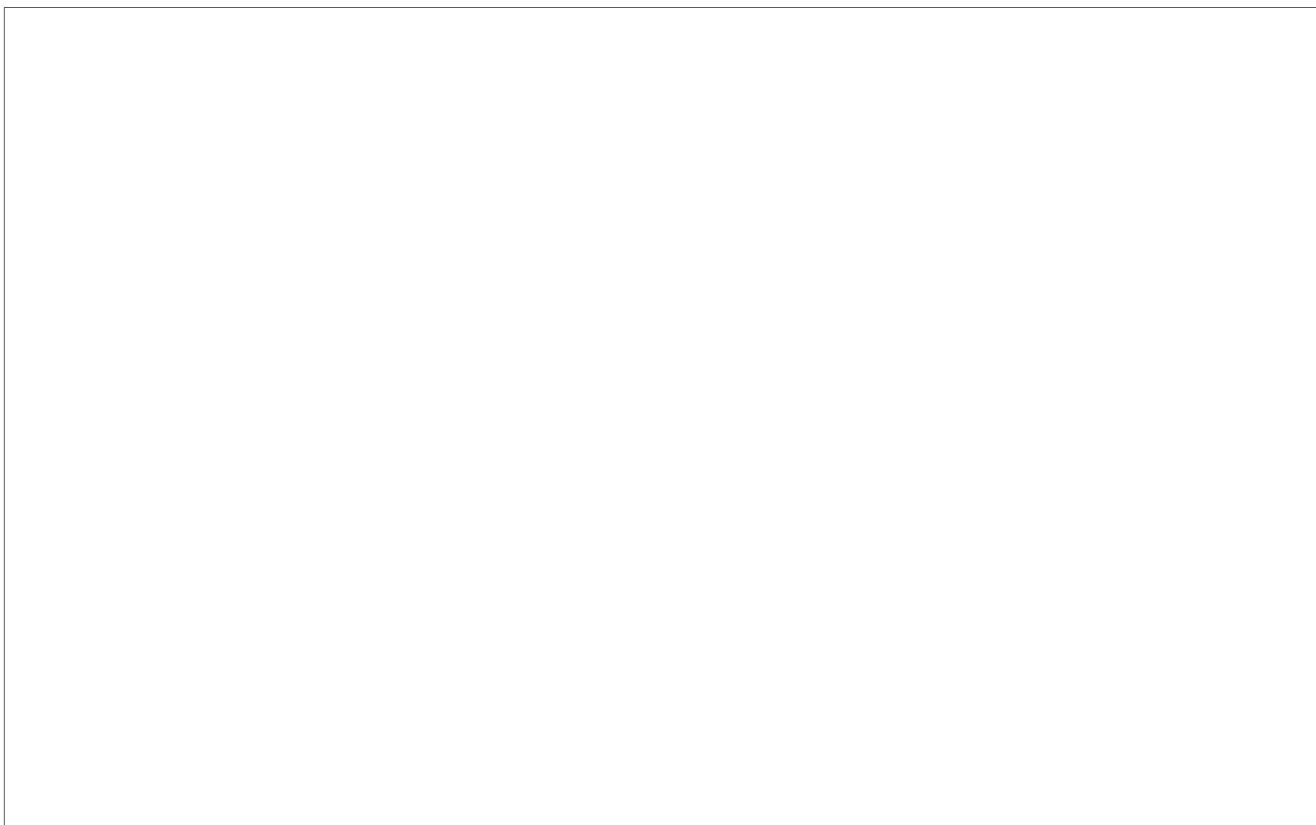
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Section I (Briefings)



Key Intelligence Questions Evaluation Process

2. The Chairman introduced [redacted] of the Intelligence Community Staff to brief on plans for the Key Intelligence Question Evaluation Process (KEP).

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3. [redacted] referred to Key Intelligence Questions (KIQ) for FY 1974 issued 4 January.* In this publication, the Director of Central Intelligence stated his intention to develop an evaluation process for the KIQ's. A Working Group was set up in the Intelligence

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*Key Intelligence Questions for Fiscal Year 1974 DCI/IC 74-1215, 4 January 1974.

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Community Staff to draw up plans for KIQ evaluation process (KEP), and these were published in mid-February.* The initial implementation of the KEP will deal with a sample base of only 12 of the 71 line items in the KIQ's. It is well recognized that the first performance of this process will be a trial run. Copies of the briefing aids used by [redacted] appear in the footnoted documents. Additional copies of the KEP guidelines were made available to members.

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4. The Chairman noted that it is important that the community at large recognize this is in essence a pilot project. It has certain objectives that are fairly clear but there are other alternatives for gaining visibility on the inter-related problems of collection, evaluation, and use. It is a matter that will be of continuing interest to the community as a whole and in these initial stages some modifications can be expected. He had indicated to [redacted] that COMIREX will fully cooperate in this activity.

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5. [redacted] indicated that the National baseline evaluations from the NIO's will be circulated to members when received.** He proposed that the existing subcommittee structure be utilized to prepare a draft response providing the desired information, which can be reviewed and coordinated within the Committee itself. The objective is to have maximum visibility in the Committee as to what is being done and how it is being done. It was agreed that ICRS would develop the initial draft KEP responses for coordination with EXSUBCOM and forwarding to COMIREX.

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*Key Intelligence Questions Evaluation Process (KEP) USIB/IRAC-D-22 1/11, DCI/IC 74-0546, 13 February 1974.

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Aircraft and Drone Activities

2. Reports on aircraft and drone activities during the period 21 February - 7 March 1974 are attached at Tab B. [Redacted] reported a GIANT SCALE overflight of North Vietnam is still holding awaiting favorable weather. An SR-71 flight (BUSY PILOT) over the Middle East disengagement area was flown this morning.

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Section III (Action Items)

Middle East Review

1. One element the Chairman wanted to cover today was the planning for further Middle East airborne reconnaissance missions and the factors and actions involved in that planning. [Redacted] reported the current plan is for the aircraft to depart from and return to Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base (Goldsboro, North Carolina). Film will be sent [Redacted] for processing in the normal fashion [Redacted]

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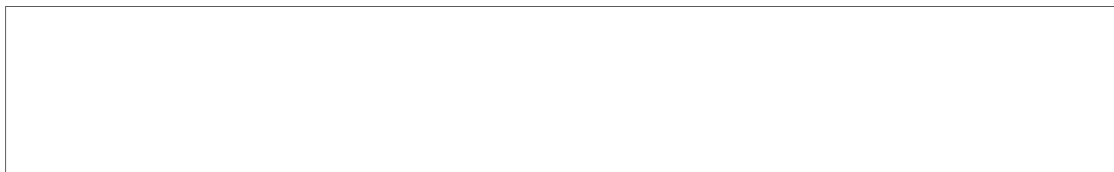
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2. In further discussion, the Chairman outlined the various considerations and contingency factors involved in current BUSY PILOT planning.

Section IV (Other Business)

ADP Handling Coordinating Group

1. The Chairman referred to discussions at an earlier meeting regarding a proposal by the DIA Member that a COMIREX Automatic Data Handling Coordinating Group be established.* Terms of Reference have now been distributed.** The Chairman considered the Committee is very fortunate in having been able to effect the assignment of [redacted] from CIA's Office of Joint Computer Services to the COMIREX Staff on a full-time basis to head up this Group. [redacted] asked that members notify the Executive Secretary of their representatives to work with [redacted] on this activity.

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TALENT-KEYHOLE Modification

2. The Navy Member inquired concerning the policy regarding use of TALENT-KEYHOLE material by reservists. [redacted] noted this question had been raised at USIB and also had been discussed briefly at an earlier COMIREX meeting.*** A pilot study has been set up and material has gone to all three services.

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*See Special Annex and Tab E to COMIREX-M-197, 27 January 1974

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**See COMIREX-D-32.10/1.

***COMIREX-M-194, Sec. III, para. 10.

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3. The Chairman pointed out that any print falling within the guidelines set up as being appropriate for classification and handling at the SECRET level can be used by those with the "need to know" who hold a SECRET clearance, so long as there is not a direct amplification of the source of the material other than "satellite imagery." That is one of the primary purposes of the decompartmentation program. He stressed, however, that all must recognize that moving quantities of satellite materials out of the T-K compartment raises a number of problems and these become most difficult at the margin where, while material can be handled outside the system, there is still need for some protection of the source.

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AIRCRAFT AND DRONE RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY
21 February - 7 March 1974

FAR EAST

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
21 Feb	317/QA258	Highland Corridors, Hwy 14 (Laos, RVN)	MARS*
23 Feb	948/QA261	Khe Sanh SAM Sites, Hwy 9, (Laos, RVN)	MARS
23 Feb	965/QA262	Hwy 9, 92, 234, 914, 925 (Laos)	MARS
24 Feb	956/QA263	Highland Corridors (RVN)	MARS
24 Feb	313T/QA264	Hwy 8, 12, 23, 122, 123, 911 (Laos)	MARS
28 Feb	946/QA267	Hwy 19, 613 (Laos, RVN)	MARS
28 Feb	965V/QA269	Hwy 9, 92, 234, 914, 925 (Laos)	Ground Recovery
3 Mar	326/QA270	Hwy 13, 81 (Laos)	MARS
3 Mar	948/QA271	Khe Sanh SAM Sites, Hwy 9 (Laos, RVN)	MARS
5 Mar	966/QA272	Highlands Corridors (Cambodia, RVN)	MARS
5 Mar	967/QA273	Highlands Corridors (Cambodia, RVN)	MARS

*MARS--Mid-Air Recovery System

GIANT SCALE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
27 Feb	SA032	Korea DMZ	100% cloud free
2 Mar	SB047	Laos, Cambodia, RVN	25% cloud free
7 Mar	SB048	Laos, Cambodia, RVN	Air Abort

OLYMPIC MEET

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
23 Feb	SA275	RVN, Laos (add-on to OLYMPIC TORCH)	98% cloud free

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BUSY PILOT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
7 Mar	I-001		Unknown

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OLYMPIC FIRE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission No.</u>	<u>Areas/Targets</u>	<u>Results</u>
28 Feb	GA030		
7 Mar	GA034		est 5% cloud free Unknown

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