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2 December 1969

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IMAGERY COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF COMIREX

MINUTES OF MEETING

10:00 - 13:00 Tuesday, 18 November 1969

PRESIDING

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Acting Chairman

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MEMBERS PRESENT

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Mr. J. C. St. Cyr, OACSI
Maj. D. Mancuso, AFNIN

[Redacted]

Mr. J. Urban, ONI

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Office of Chairman:

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

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OBSERVERS PRESENT

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Lt. Col. R. Judge, OACSI

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The draft minutes for meeting of 4 November 1969 (ICRS-M-32) were approved after the last sentence of paragraph 6 was changed to read "In reviewing the list it became evident that comparatively few of the targets of most interest would be accessed but that a good sampling of nearly all target categories should be obtained".

NRO and DIA review(s) completed.

NGA Review completed.

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BUMPY ACTION BRIEFING

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2. [Redacted] DIA, provided a status briefing on the BUMPY ACTION program which consists of Photo Reconnaissance Drone Missions in Southeast Asia (North Vietnam and South China). He began the briefing by noting that SAC was responsible for operating the program. He explained the launch and recovery procedures, namely, that the drone is launched from a mother ship (DC-130) and is retrieved with a mid-air-recovery system (MARS) utilizing a helicopter. The program has five different system configurations that can be flown. Three of these operate at a

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In response to a query regarding the factors that determine which system will be used, [Redacted] stated that the frequency, weather, the objectives to be covered, and the drones available were all factors. For example, during heavy cloud cover the use of the low altitude system would be advantageous since it could operate below the clouds. Present requirement calls for about 25 missions a month in North Vietnam. Since the recent approval of missions over South China, four high altitude missions have been attempted. The first mission was successful, the second aborted because vehicle did not achieve altitude, the third was lost, probably to MIG 21s, and the last one was recovered but had a camera malfunction. In closing, [Redacted] noted that a follow-on system was currently under development that would have the capability to provide [Redacted] swath for a lineal distance of [Redacted]. Current plans call for the purchase of 20 vehicles. (Attached is a copy of the briefing aids used by [Redacted])

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS

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3. [Redacted] reported there was no change to the launch schedule. Schedule is as follows:

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1108 - 26 Nov 69
1109 - 18 Feb 70

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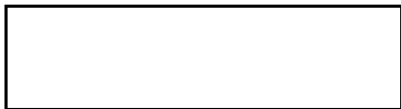
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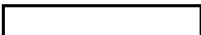
SOUTH CHINA/NORTH VIETNAM PRIORITIES LIST

5. The priority list was reviewed and no changes were recommended. The Chairman informed the Committee that a revised list had been published which reflected recent changes to the list as well as the updating of coverage.

PRIORITIES FOR MISSION 1108

6. The individual member inputs were reviewed and priority changes were made to bring the various lists into general agreement. The DIA member requested that those portions of the built-up area not covered in the last year be stressed. Chairman stated that a note to this effect would be added to the consolidated priorities list which would be distributed to members for final approval.

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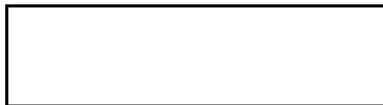
7.  informed the Committee that he had been instructed by COMIREX to program two areas in Chile on a non-interference basis for Mission 1108. This coverage is requested by the ARGO Committee in support of an AID study of the Chilean watershed.

TARGET UPDATES

8. The weekly transaction sheets (pages 674-697, dated 27 October 1969 and pages 698-704, dated 3 November 1969) containing 227 Additions
24 Deletes
1 Reactivate
18 Changes were approved.
Two recommended actions were placed in a pending status until the next meeting.

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9. Chairman reported that the area coverage for the current 56-day period stood at 86.5%.



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10. WWIPR FORMAT. -- Chairman requested that members provide any comments or problems encountered with the hard copy IPIR format used in the readout of [Redacted] [Redacted] noted that NPIC had recommended that no changes be made in the format until it was used for a couple of missions. The Chairman, EXSUBCOM, was designated as the action officer for consolidating comments on the report.

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11. SITD. -- The Subcommittee discussed the SITD in general and with the exception of the Navy member agreed that the SITD without major modification had very little application in the Collection arena. The Navy member stated it was his view that the SITD could be made a more useful tool with some modifications. [Redacted] stated that he would analyze contributions from the various members and draft an ICRS position which he would distribute for their approval.

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12. NORTH KOREA. -- [Redacted] informed members that a revised list of North Korean targets showing the most recent coverage date would be distributed later in the week. The priority shown for the targets would be those assigned by the Committee in August. Chairman stated that he was charged by Chairman, COMIREX, with keeping the collection agencies informed regarding current collection guidance. He expressed a desire that North Korean objectives and their priorities be reviewed for mission planning and recommendations submitted for changes to the list as appropriate.

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Acting Chairman
Imagery Collection Requirements
Subcommittee

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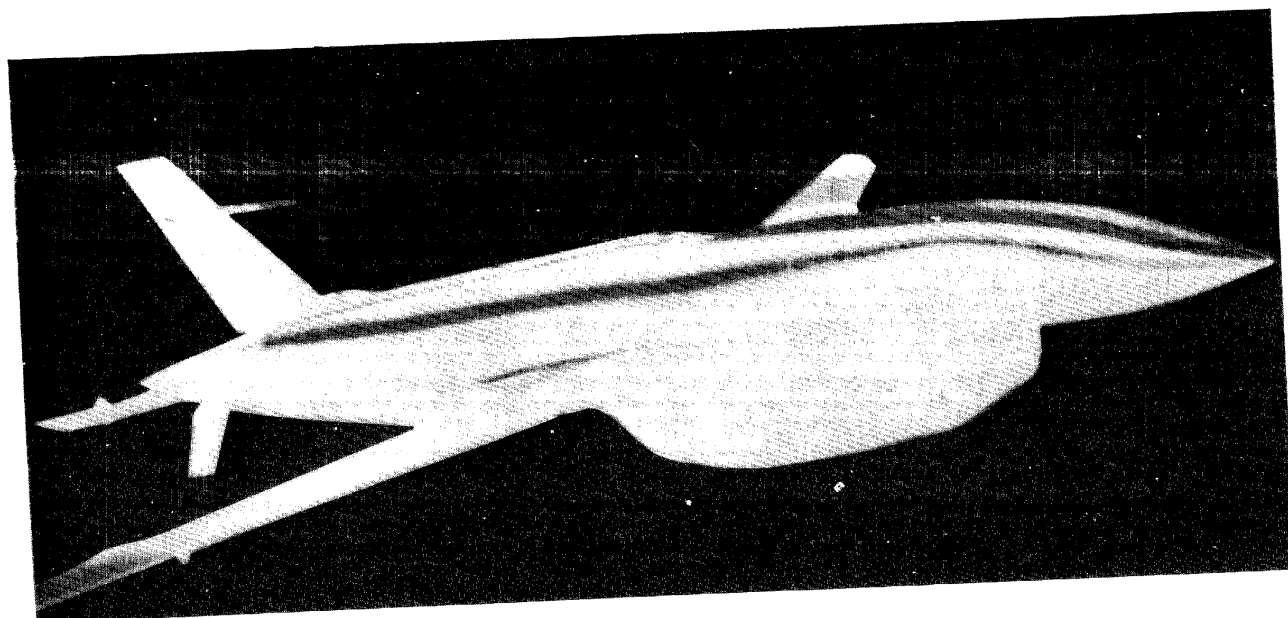
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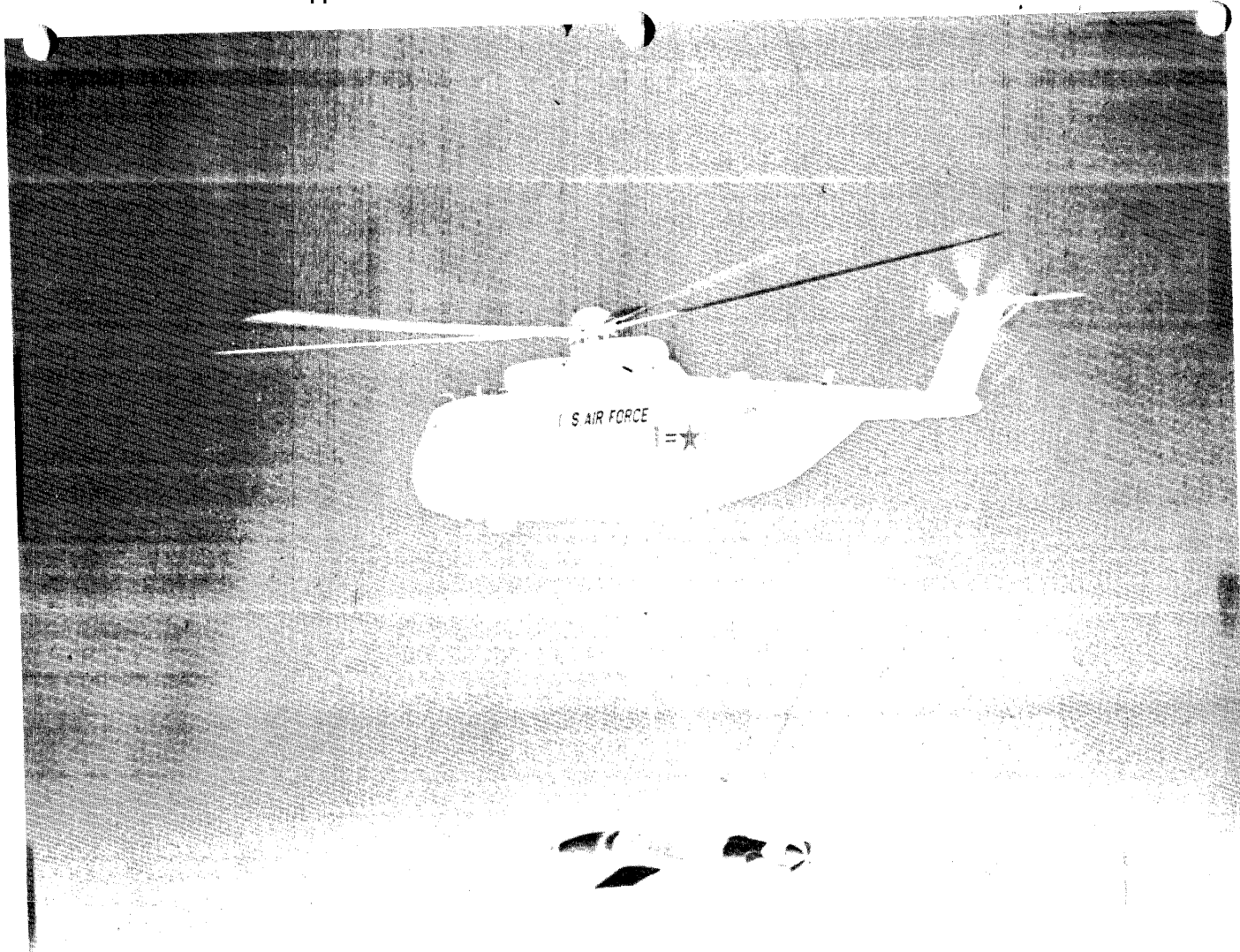
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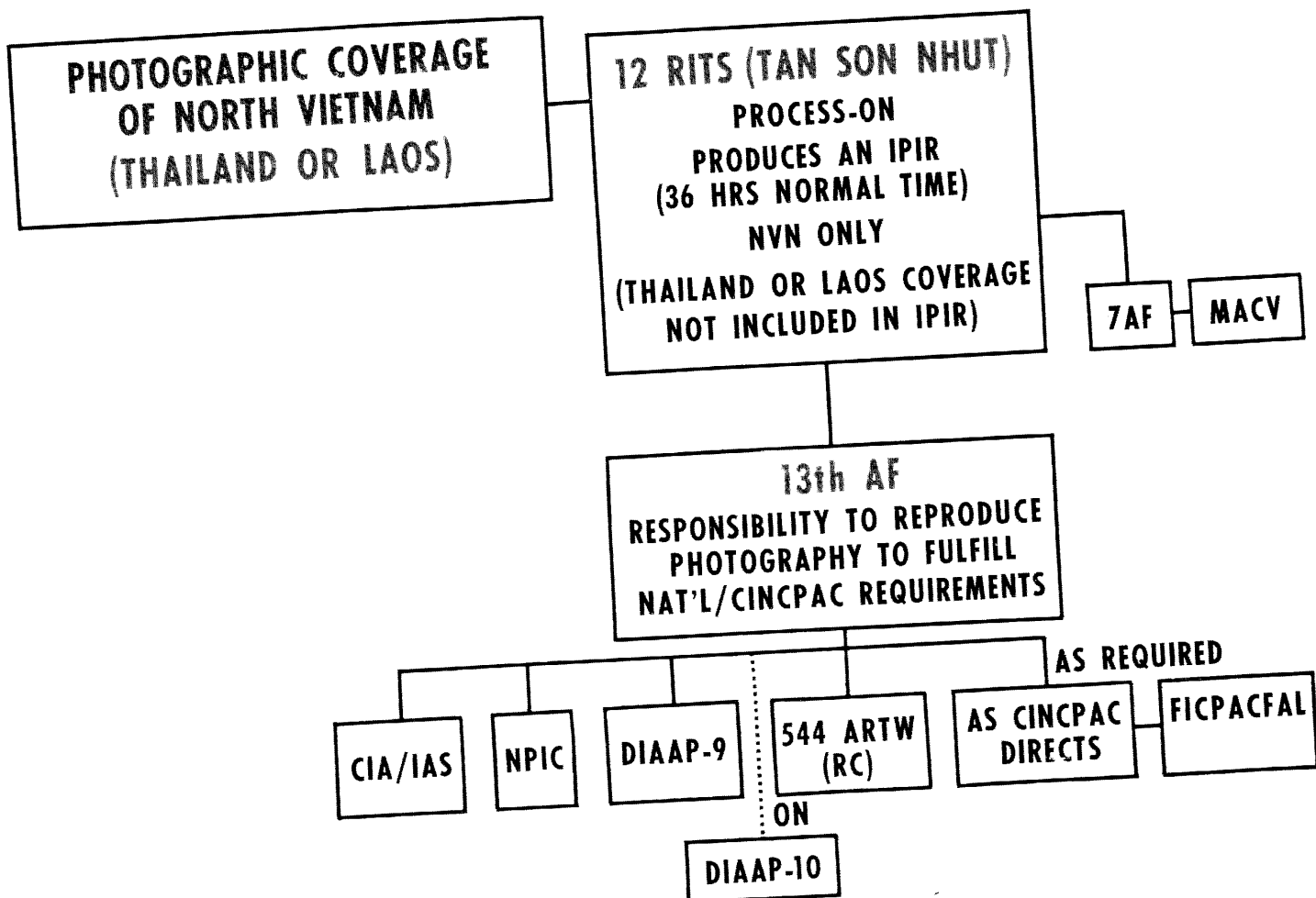
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LAUNCH POINT

DA NANG RECOVERY

THAILAND

Bangkok

VIETNAM

Saigon

DC-130 RTE R-183

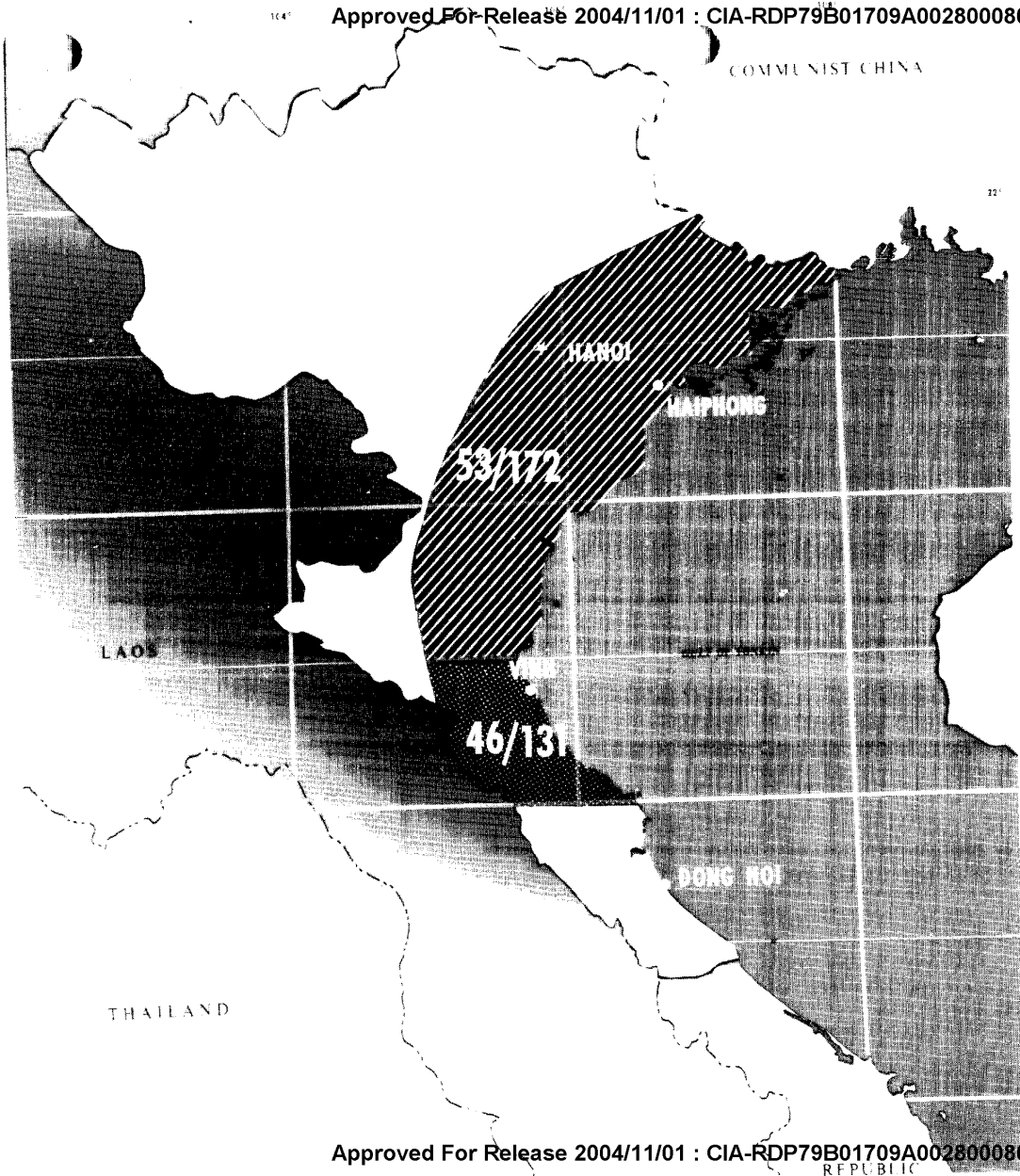
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**AVERAGE ANNUAL NO. of DAYS
SUITABLE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY**

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**HIGH ALT - LESS THAN 3/10
OVERALL CLOUD
COVER**

**LOW ALT - LESS THAN 3/10
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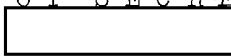
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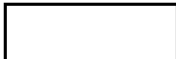
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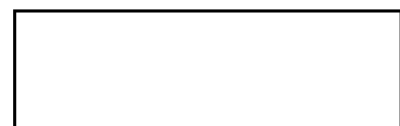
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AGENDA

10:00, 18 November 1969, Room 2G 22 Headquarters

1. Approval of Minutes - 4 November Meeting.
2. Operational Report - 
3. South China/North Vietnam Priorities List.
(ICRS-D-6/18-7, 6 November)
4. J Mission Priorities - 1108.
5. Update COMIREX File, Pages 674 thru 704.
6. SITD Review.
7. Other Business

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