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21 September 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : COMIREX Input to DCI's Annual Report to PFIAB

The attached is in response to your 28 August 1973 request.

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Chairman
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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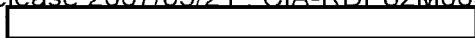
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Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX)

Principal Activities, FY 1973

1. Major Developments. The primary focus of COMIREX during FY 73 was on providing coordinated collection and exploitation guidance for all photo-satellite missions and other nationally tasked assets; on consolidating and updating USIB standing requirements (objectives) for overhead imagery; on implementing various aspects of community planning  on performing several special studies; and, generally, on fostering exchange of data and coordination of effort related to overhead imagery at the national level.

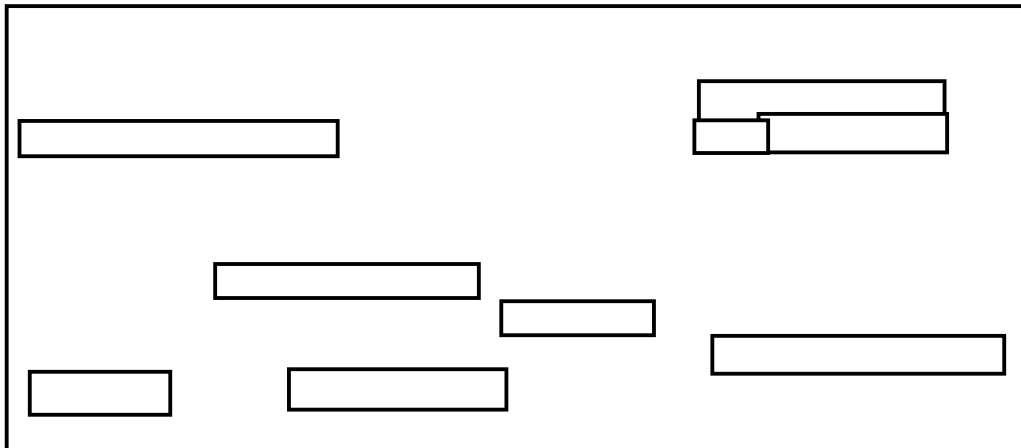
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2. Major Accomplishments and Failings

a. The consolidation and update of standing USIB requirements (objectives) for imagery satellites was carried up to and through initial drafting and preliminary community coordination in FY 73. This complex undertaking has taken longer than planned--it is scheduled for completion by late fall 1973.

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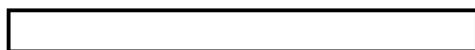
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d. An interagency COMIREX task force, chaired by DIA, performed a comprehensive study of requirements [Redacted] and prepared a report in support of NRP Executive Committee deliberations.

e. Projections of satellite imagery requirements for the period 5-15 years in the future were developed for use in NRO planning [Redacted]

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f. The requirements for satellite imagery needed to support DoD mapping, charting, and geodesy (MC&G) needs over the next five years were reviewed comprehensively and issued as a formal basis for NRP planning and operational guidance.

3. Significant actions involving new or improved community coordination procedures included:

a. Development of techniques to measure performance against collection objectives. In conjunction with NPIC, development is continuing on new community criteria and standards for evaluating image quality and coverage accomplishment reporting. This activity is related both to SALT monitoring requirements and improvements in collection system performance evaluation and operational efficiency.

b. COMIREX is continuing to foster the development and dissemination of data concerning imagery collection and exploitation among all relevant community components to assure community-wide visibility of the collection assets in relation to the intelligence problems against which they are directed.

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c. The Committee is broadening its interaction with economic intelligence components to foster the application of overhead imagery to economic intelligence problems as well as the traditional military intelligence problems.

4. The Outlook. Upcoming actions of particular importance during FY 1974 are as follows:

a. Complete the consolidation of standing search and surveillance imagery collection guidance for review and approval by USIB and transmittal to the NRO as formal community guidance (objectives) for five-year NRP planning purposes.

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b. Continue the coordination and expansion of basic documentation on [Redacted] targeting, exploitation, processing, and data handling concepts as inputs to detailed user-community planning for this [Redacted] system.

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c. Major continuing review of the outlook for imagery collection and exploitation over the next five years and beyond, with emphasis on intelligence-problem orientation, for use in evaluating the planning mix and future launch rates.

d. COMIREX will be responsible for developing the detailed procedures to be used in implementing current proposals for downgrading and decontrolling from the TALENT-KEYHOLE Control System some aspects of satellite imagery and derived information.

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