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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Directorate of Intelligence
Imagery Analysis Service

MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : IAS Quarterly Report for January-March 1974

1. The Imagery Analysis Service expended [redacted] on imagery analysis and reporting during the period January-March 1974. This represents 72 percent of the time available to the [redacted] directly engaged in this activity. The overtime for this quarter was [redacted], a reduction of [redacted] from the previous quarter. About 45 percent of the overtime was devoted to the Mid-East. A breakdown of time spent by geographic area, subject, and requester is illustrated on the attachment.

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3. The reduced number of tactical missions we ordered was one factor in the reduction of four percentage points in time spent on Indochina for the quarter. We are attempting to rely more on high level photography and drone missions for more efficient use of manpower on this area. Another factor contributing to the reduction was less overall coverage than previously--e.g., only one SR-71 overflight of North Vietnam during the quarter. Also, the cloud cover was above normal for the season.

4. Less effort was devoted to the Mid-East this quarter (8 percent vs. 12 percent the previous quarter). This is a reflection of the decreased coverage as opposed to the higher level of coverage in late 1973 resulting from the active phase of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

5. Support to DDO increased by two percentage points. About half of this resulted from time spent in the preparation and presentation of a basic photo interpretation course for three photo intelligence officers [redacted]. There is also a growing awareness in the DDO to the contribution imagery analysis can make to certain of their operations. We attribute this to actions taken by IAS and the DDO to inform more DDO officers of the services IAS can provide. We anticipate a continuing moderate increase in requirements from the Operations directorate.

6. The Director, IAS, attended the eight-week Executive Education Program at the Federal Executive Institute in January and February. During the quarter we lost two professionals to resignation and transfer.

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We gained four professionals; three new employees and one returning from [redacted]. A division chief and an analyst were given rotational assignments to OSR and OWI respectively. A total of ten IA careerists were on assignments outside IAS; six in Headquarters production offices, two on Project [redacted] and two remaining at [redacted]. Analysts attended the Advanced Imagery Interpretation Course at Offutt AFB during the quarter.

7. A survey of IAS was conducted by the Position Management and Compensation Division, Office of Personnel. The PMCD report was favorable and generally in agreement with our plans for the structure of the Service. However we will be contesting the abolishment of a GS-15 position, as a result of our reorganization, and the failure to upgrade to GS-15 the grade slot of the Special Assistant in the Office of the Director.

8. In March the Deputy Director, IAS, visited the [redacted] and held discussions on requirements for IAS support with field station personnel throughout [redacted] were visited at [redacted]

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10. Discussions in [redacted] with operations and case officers established that a significant unfulfilled requirement for PI support existed in both areas; one best handled in [redacted] judgment by establishing a [redacted] capability in the [redacted]. This has been subsequently explored, accepted, and will hopefully be implemented before the end of the fiscal year. As an interim measure the [redacted] operations officer was put in contact with [redacted] from which effective coverage and readout is being provided to support his immediate needs.

11. In discussions with the [redacted] several types of IAS reporting not presently available were deemed useful to his needs. The first increment of these reports, primarily consisting of logistical studies plus special photographic enlargements has been sent. Also effected was routine distribution to [redacted] of special photo interpretation notes and pictures produced by the [redacted]. To alleviate problems noted in the ARVN PI shop, field light tables and other small equipments have been sent from surplus IAS stock.

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13. Several commercial publications, PI related, and a reconditioned stereomicroscope were sent to [redacted] capability.

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14. [redacted] request for a large scale, high quality photographic atlas of [redacted] for use in operational planning was completed and dispatched in mid-April.

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