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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PACKARD

SUBJECT: TAGBOARD Mission

The Joint Chiefs of Staff have submitted a request to members of the 303 Committee for approval of a TAGBOARD drone mission over South China and alternatively over North Korea. This proposal for overflight is in response to my request to conduct final system developmental test missions in an operational environment.

A TAGBOARD mission flown in favorable weather conditions could acquire numerous high priority USIB, South China, and North Korea high-resolution photographic requirements. Satisfaction of these requirements by National Reconnaissance Program satellites has been drastically impaired by unfavorable weather conditions.

The National Reconnaissance Program SIGINT satellites will be directed to record ELINT data emanating from foreign electronic stimulation resulting from the TAGBOARD flight.

The TAGBOARD mission will be discussed at the 303 Committee Meeting on 23 September 1969. Recommend you indorse this proposal.

John L. McLucas

Attachment

Memo, TAGBOARD Operational
Missions, 5 Sept 69, BYE-78308

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