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WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NRO STAFF

16 MAR 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. NAKA

SUBJECT: April Forecast of NRP Satellite and Aircraft Overflight
 Activities

On the facing page is the April 1972 forecast, for the 40 Committee, of the satellite and aircraft overflights that has been prepared for your signature in the absence of Dr. McLucas. A resume of the aircraft activities requested in Attachments 1 and 2 follows:

IDEALIST/TACKLE (CIA U-2R Photo/SIGINT and SIGINT) China.

Four Photo/SIGINT, and four SIGINT (LONG SHAFT) peripheral missions are requested. No missions were requested for February in deference to the President's China trip. The eight missions proposed for March were stood down by the 40 Committee until an assessment is made of policy intentions resulting from the China visit. At this date the assessment results have not been made known and the request for peripheral missions is based on valid USIB requirements.

OLD HEAD (SAC U-2R Photo) Cuba.

Six sorties are requested. One sortie is requested to meet validated intelligence requirements. The remaining five sorties are requested for use against quick-reaction/extraordinary requirements which may arise during the month. The last OLD HEAD overflight was made on 13 March. As the area coverage results from the 13 March mission are still being computed, and the coverage accomplishments of HEXAGON mission 1202 are not included, and the USIB quarterly coverage requirement for 90% of the area is exceeded (98.1%), the one sortie requested will be used to satisfy the USIB requirement for one successful overflight during any four-week period.

I concur in the proposed IDEALIST/TACKLE and OLD HEAD missions as they are based on currently valid USIB requirements.

CORONA IDEALIST HEXAGON

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For your information, a NRP 1971 Overflight Summary is included as Attachment 3.

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3 Attachments

- 1. IDEALIST Forecast
- 2. OLD HEAD Forecast
- 3. NRP 1971 Overflight Summary

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE CIA PROGRAM SUBMISSION FOR NRO
MONTHLY AIR ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1972:

IDEALIST/TACKLE

CHINA: 4 PERIPHERAL, PHOTO/SIGINT MISSIONS (AGAINST RECURRING
BANK OF FOUR).

4 PERIPHERAL SIGINT MISSIONS (LONG SHAFT).

2. JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUESTED MISSIONS IS REFLECTED
IN THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

USIB-D-46.4/49 (COMIREX-D-25.2/1 OF 12 AUG 1971

USIB-S-10.9/13 OF 13 MAY 1969

USIB-S-9.4/6 OF 10 JUNE 1968

USIB-S-10.9/8 OF 14 OCT 1968

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NRP 1971 OVERFLIGHT SUMMARY

PROGRAM	NUMBER MISSIONS			
	40 COMMITTEE		FLOWN	LOST
	SUBMITTED TO	APPROVED		
IDEALIST/TACKLE CIA U-2R PHOTO China Periphery	48	44	19	0
OLD HEAD SAC U-2R PHOTO Cuba	109	104	42	0
SENIOR LANCE NRO/SAC U-2R IMAGING RADAR Cuba	13	13	8	0
GIANT SCALE SAC SR-71 PHOTO North Korea	13	9	6	0
TAGBOARD NRO/SAC D-21 DRONE South China	5	2	2	2
TOTAL	188	172	77	2

- NOTES:**
- IDEALIST/TACKLE - Unfavorable weather conditions along the China coast were primarily responsible for less missions flown than approved.
 - OLD HEAD - Of the 104 missions approved, sixty (five a month) were requested "for use against quick-reaction/extraordinary requirements," and were seldom used. Changing requirements, i. e., the departure of the Russian fleet, resulted in less missions flown than approved.
 - GIANT SCALE - Of the 9 missions approved, one was not flown in February because of the successful GAMBIT coverage of N. Korea. Missions were not flown in June or July because of Department of State objections. In addition to the North Korea overflights, there were 45 North Vietnam and 56 Yellow Sea/Korea DMZ GIANT SCALE missions flown.