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MEMORANDUM

Subj: Visit to ELINT Sites by H. O. Lorenzen and R. D. Mayo

1. The subject personnel visited the ELINT Sites to be utilized in project GREB. The main purpose of the visits was to inform each Station's Commanding Officer of the project so he could anticipate the planning required in integrating it into the station's operational plan, to provide for training and to resolve any logistic problems, such as; establishing the local ability to handle the hut when it arrives, locate a mutually agreeable spot to place the hut and select a proper source of electrical power.

2. Complete briefings were given to the Commanding Officer and those officers whom he felt should have the information to effectively support the operation. Briefings on only the cover experiment were given to additional station operational and materiel personnel as the Commander felt it desirable to stimulate interest and to generate support for this type project. Since the techniques were unusual and unique it was felt that key personnel were needed to generate a healthy interest in the subject. All the briefings were received enthusiastically and with a desire to participate.

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7. [redacted] A complete briefing was given the following personnel at the request of [redacted] the Commanding Officer: Major [redacted]

[redacted] Only one briefing was given at [redacted] It was pointed out that the temperature at the site ran extremely high and a request was made for a sun shade above the roof and an air conditioner to be incorporated. These are being provided as a part of the unit going to [redacted] No clearances had been forwarded to [redacted] for the visiting personnel. Also the unit had not been informed they were to participate in this project, instead the Headquarters in [redacted] had indicated that they were to listen to the proposition proposed and report to [redacted] all the details and then Headquarters would decide if they would authorize participation. This was in the face of an agreement with Rear Admiral Roeder and Major General Ackerman (then Acting Commander of AFSS) that the Air Force desired to cooperate.

8. On 16 December 1959, at the request of Major General Lewis, Commander, USAFSS, a trip was made to Headquarters, USAFSS at Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas, where Major General Lewis, [redacted]

[redacted] were given a full briefing.

Major General Lewis expressed desire to cooperate but felt that there were several areas that must be formalized before AFSS could participate. Three of the problem areas were resolved and the final problem is expected to be resolved shortly. Later that day a cover briefing was presented to the following AFSS personnel: [redacted]

[redacted] All expressed enthusiasm and a desire to assist.

9. At the request of Major General Lewis, permission was granted and Colonel [redacted] completely briefed Brig. General Richard P. Klocko and Colonel [redacted] on 12 January 1960.

10. At the request of Major General Lewis, permission was granted to completely brief [redacted] New Chief of Staff, Headquarters, USAFSS.

11. [redacted], the Commanding Officer was the only person briefed on the project. The siting of the hut and the power requirements were worked out with station personnel without giving them a briefing. No problems resulted.

12. [redacted], the Officer-in-Charge, was given a complete briefing. A cover briefing was given Warrant Officers, [redacted] [redacted] They assisted in working out details of the hut location, power arrangements, etc. No problems remained unsolved.

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16. General Conclusions:

1. All stations indicated adequate communications facilities to permit timely exchange of necessary data and information.
2. Each AF person at Headquarters, USAFSS completely briefed executed a signed security oath. The personnel completely briefed at the Field Stations were duly impressed with the security requirement of this project but were not asked to execute a signed oath because of the problem of carrying this class of security information.

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