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CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (OP 094W) DIRECTOR, NRO STAFF (SS4, SS4A AND SS7)

Subj: POPPY Technical Operations Group Meeting; report of

Encl: (1) Agenda

- (2) List of Attendees
- (3) Minimum Daily Voltage Plot
- (4) Collection Highlights
- 1. A POPPY Technical Operations Group (TOG) meeting was held at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) at 0930 on 28 March 1974. The agenda and a list of attendees are forwarded as enclosures (1) and (2).
- 2. The following specific items were discussed:
 - a. Status. (NRL)

The 7107 satellite orbit is passing from 100% sunlight to an extended period of minimum (66%) exposure. Today's reading is 80% and declining. 7107D reduced tasking remains in effect.

System health remains stable, except that some low voltages (see enclosure (3)) have been experienced the past few days, as a product of the high rate of charge mode. It will be necessary to carefully monitor voltage levels during the next ninety days, after which 100% sun exposure will be available for a short period. The NRL engineers are now considering instituting a new higher minimum voltage level for site reset of the payloads (above 10.6V.). It is not expected that tasking levels will be affected.

Message traffic from the sites indicates several instances of malfunctioning options (not necessarily chronic) in addition to those already documented as failed. There have also been some instances when crosstalk has been noted in known bands. To date crosstalk has not disrupted processing. These anomalies are scheduled for thorough review at the next engineering evaluation, scheduled for

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b. Collection Highlights. (NSG)

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The Naval Security Group Command representative submitted enclosure (4).

c. Processing Highlights. (NSA)

The following items were submitted by the W34 representative:

- (1) At the TOG meeting of 31 January 1974 it was reported that had intercepted an unidentified signal that was subsequently geopositioned to Kharkov, USSR. This 158 MHz signal appears to be associated with a suspected ionospheric research radar. The analysis on this emission is progressing adequately with no assessment yet as to the speculated mission and function, or threat potential of this new signal. The signal was recently redesignated 1020Z and cannot be released outside of TK channels.
- (2) has collected an unidentified X band multibeam emission suspected of emanating from the Plesetsk Missile and Space Center. Site analysis indicates a 226.4 PS PRF time shared sequentially between three beams. Analysis also indicated each beam being scanned at a rate of 2.0 CPS. No additional information is available at this time.
- (3) At the 20 December TOG meeting it was mentioned that a computer based listing of field reported unidentified signals from Missions 7107, had been prepared and distributed throughout NSA. Since then the lists have also been distributed to the field sites for their comments.

Based primarily on field site response the existing list has been revised. Contents now include a listing of each unidentified signal, including all remarks, by the overhead collectors. Copies will be sent to the field sites for further comments.

The on-orbit calibration was also discussed, with the R24 representative stating that NSA is in the process of reviewing the requirement and the effectiveness of this effort. More information will be provided as available.

d. FY 75 POPPY PLAN. (SPO)

At the previous TOG meeting, a draft basic plan was submitted and inputs were solicited from the organizations that participate in POPPY. NSG and NRL are responding but no other inputs have been received or are anticipated. The purpose of this plan is to document, for all participants, the activities that are required to support the POPPY operations, particularly those under direct SPO cognizance. The absence of such a documented plan leads to an inability to support unprogrammed efforts.

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The SPO will publish the approved activities plan.

3. The next TOG meeting will be sponsored by the SPO and is scheduled for 25 April 1974.

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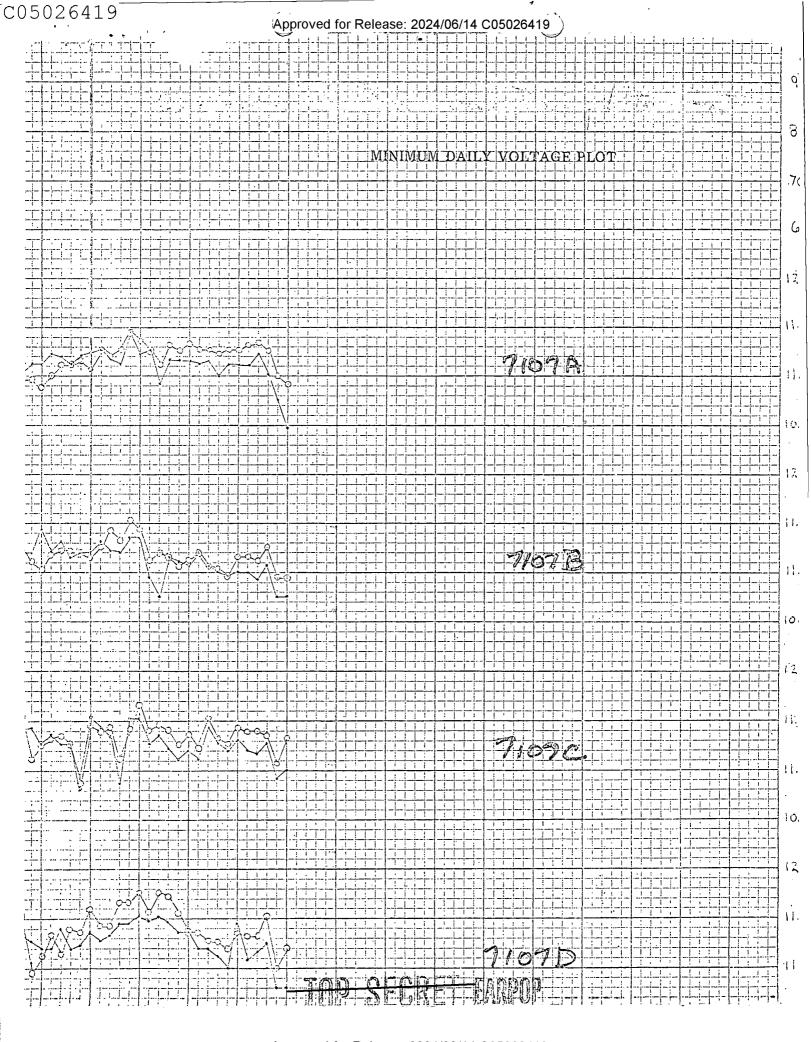
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