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DIRECTOR, NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY (1000 and 7030)

Subj: POPPY Technical Operations Group (TOG) Meeting; report of

Encl:

(1) Agenda

- (2) List of Attendees
- (3) Minimum Daily Voltage Plot
- (4) Collection Highlights(5) Processing Highlights
- 1. The POPPY Technical Operations Group (TOG) met at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) at 0930 on 25 April 1974. The agenda and a list of attendees are forwarded as enclosures (1) and (2).
- Specific items of discussion were:
 - a. Status. (NRL)

The 7107 satellite spacing is currently

4 nm per week. It is now estimated that the spacing may achieve without thrusting. This remains within established limits.

The updated Minimum Daily Voltage Plot was distributed (and is forwarded as enclosure (3)) and discussed. The satellite orbit passed out of 100% sun exposure on day 80. Careful monitoring of tasking levels and other power consuming activities continues to be required. The dips shown in the 7107A plot are interpreted as indicative of an

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adjustment period when the NRL on-orbit monitoring staff increased the charge rate to compensate for lower sun exposure. The severe dip (below 10.50) on 7107D recorded on day 95 may be a bad reading. On one pass on this date, 7107D arrived over activated to the "memory readout" command set.
The satellites remain healthy and stable, with known failures. No change in this status is anticipated.
The NSG representatives reported that the SEL 86 that is used at for the main processing load there has experienced greater than normal maintenance outages recently. Most problems remain in the peripherials. Both inadequate on-site sparing and an overall low level of SEL 86 maintenance capability at are cited as major contributors to the recurring SEL 86 problems there.
b. Collection Highlights. (NSG)
Enclosure (4) was presented by the NSG representatives. The volume has reached new peaks; this report period showed record system output.
c. Processing Highlights. (NSA)
Enclosure (5) was presented by Mr. Gallagher (W34).

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d. FY-75 POPPY Plan. (SPO)

Meetings with NSG and NRL representatives have been held that establish the SPO sponsored POPPY activities for FY-75 and plan for FY-76. The only action planned in support of NSA programs directly is the satellite attitude data resolution by NRL for SLM processing.

The new item that was discussed was the phased closure of POPPY sites at A recent TWX message (COGNAC 121203Z Apr 74 Cite 0120) relates the dates and plans now being followed. The NSA representatives expressed grave concern with regard to securing POPPY operations at on an established time-table that is not necessarily keyed to

(1)

(2)	the	real	demise	of	POPPY	satellites

3. The next TOG meeting is scheduled for 30 May at the Naval Security Station.

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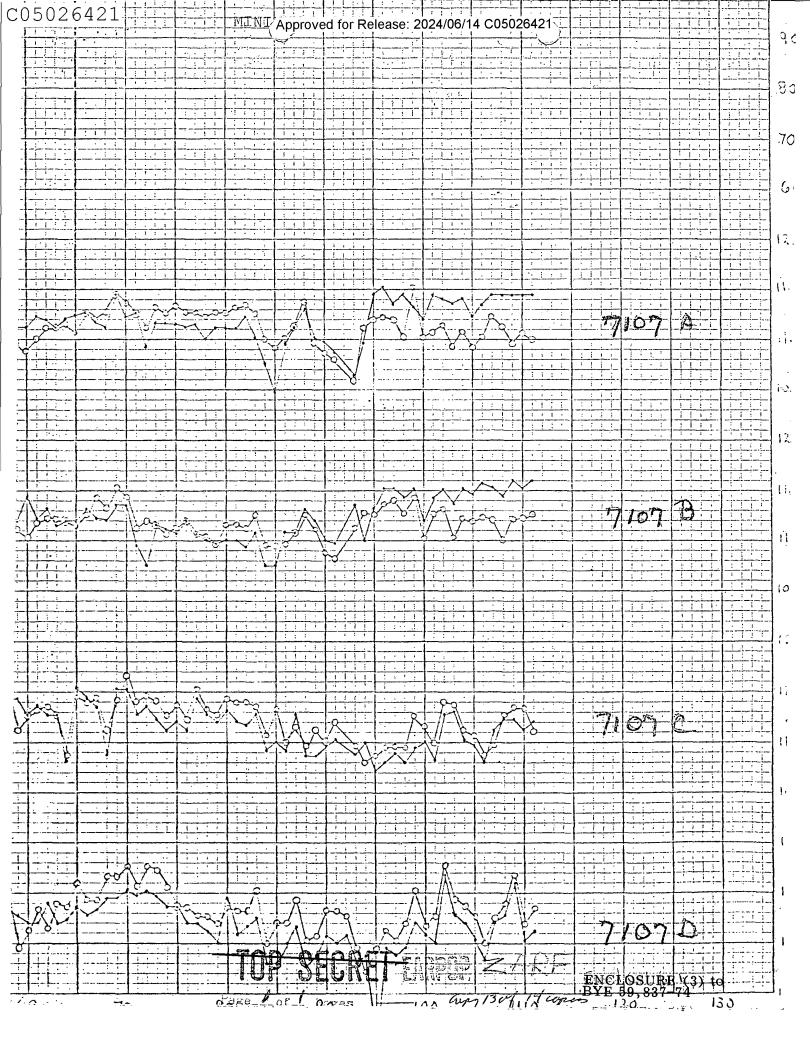
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OCEAN SURVEILLANCE

Since the last TOG on 28 March, there have been a total of 5350
locations. 863 of these were equated to specific ships. 947
intercepts were major combatant associated, but could not be correlated
to a particular ship. 113 intercepts of emitters were received
since the last TOG including four out of area intercepts; one in the
Med, two in the Pacific, and one in the Arabian Sea
the transit of two vessels, the Kynda CLGM 857 Adm Golovko and the
Kashin DLG 179 Soobraitelnyys, from the Black Sea to the Med.
monitored the Krivak DDGSP 504 Bodryy, the Krivak DDGSP 508 Silnyy,
and the Sverdlov CL 891 in their transit from the Baltic to the Med.
provided the first tip-off that a major combatant was depart-
ing the Baltic throughintercepts that were later equated
through a conventional source to the Krivak B'ditelnyj now off the
Shetland Islands. is monitoring the Cuban transit of the Krivak
DDGSP 504 Bodryy and the Krivak 508 Silnyy now in mid Atlantic. The
ships may be in partial EMCON as we have only received a few intercepts
of the two ships. continues to monitor the movements of the
Primorye AGI Zakarpate off the U.S. East Coast. showed heavy
surface combatant activity in the Sea of Japan. The activity may be
in reaction to the entrance of U.S. task force into the Sea of Japan
two weeks ago.

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EOB AND TI

The following items of interest were noted in the field of EOB and
TI: (1) intercept impacted off the Liberian Coast
and reflects a possible new mode of operation for the radar
recently fitted on the Sverdlov CL 891 Sverdlov. The emitter displayed
a predominate PRI of 3961 USEC with insertion of 1980 and 5941 USEC PRI
in varying stagger sequences. (2) developmental signal was
intercepted six times in the 3600-4050-MHZ RF band and exhibited a
PRF of 797.871 PPS and a circular scan of 10.0 SPR located in Feodosiya,
USSR (4500N/03530E). (3) Four intercepts were accomplished
on 10 April and reflected activity in the Moscow ABM ring at sites E05,
E24, E31, E33. (4)ntercept exhibited a PRF within
the EPL limits at 1576.13 PPS equating to the 52 countdown of the 81.932
KHZ crystal. This PRF is normally associated with the
(5) Unident 27-186 was located at Kansk, USSR (5618N/09507E) near EOB
pin 13-25314. This site is credited with a emitter and
the intercept is believed to be a new mode of thet a PRF of
182.967. (6) intercept on 03 April was initially intercepted in
a high PRE mode of 2799.9 PPS. The signal abruptly switched to a low PRF
mode of operation (1023.6 PPS) without missing a scan. The signal was in
a low PRF mode for three scans before abruptly shifting back to the high
PRF mode of operationis not credited with the low mode of operat-
ion. The emitter was located at Smolensk, USSR.

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350 MHZ UNIDENTIFIED SIGNAL, KAMCHATKA PENINSULA AREA

ON 17/18 APRIL 1974, REPORTED INTERCEPT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED EMISSION IN THE 350-450 MHZ RECEIVER BAND. LOCATED ON TWO PASSES. THE SIGNAL SOURCE APPEARS TO BE ON THE EAST. - CENTRAL COAST OF THE KAMCHATKA PENINSULA. DUE TO THE BREVITY OF INTERCEPT, THE CONFIDENCE REGION ASSIGNED INCLUDES MOSTLY WATER AREAS OF THE BERING SEA:

PARAMETER SUMMARY

RF BAND: 350-450 MHZ

PRF:

160.08 PPS *

SCAN:

STEADY, NON SCANNING

* DURING ONE INTERCEPT, THE SIGNAL WENT THROUGH AND ABRUPT SERIES OF . PRF CHANGES OF 960.5, 1600.8 AND 1280.7 PPS THEN RETURNED TO THE 160 PPS VALUE.

A SIMILAR UNIDENT, UNIOCATED WAS REPORTED BY ON 13 APRIL 74

PARAMETERS: 350-450 MHZ

PRF:

2453.987PPS

SCAN:

40.1 HZ, COMPLEX, TYPE UNDETERMINED

DURING THIS INTERCEPT, THE KAMCHATKA PENI WAS VISIBLE TO THE COLLECTOR.

ANALYTIC COMMENTS: SINCE THE IMPACT AREA INCLUDES A GOOD PORTION OF THE BERING SEA, THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SIGNAL SOURCE IS SHIPBORNE HAS ALSO BEEN CONSIDERED. FURTHER INTERCEPTS, WITH GEOPOSITION, WILL BE REQUIRED TO IDENTIFY THE PLATFORM. ONE INTERESTING NOTE IS THAT THE UKA MISSILE TRACKING FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 124 NM NORTH OF THE MEDIAN IMPACT OF THE IWO INTERCEPTS. BOTH THE LAND AND WATER ELINT

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