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SECTION 01

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SURJ: MISSION 7346 - 10TH ANNIVERSARY

1. ON 11 MAY 1992 WE CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MISSION 7346. THIS PLATFORM WAS LAUNCHED ON 11 MAY 1982 AND WAS THE FIRST IN A NEW SERIES OF ADVANCED VEHICLES THAT OPENED UP A NEW ERA FOR THE GROUND STATION AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.
2. THIS VEHICLE HAD A PROJECTED MEAN MISSION DURATION OF THREE YEARS. ITS PRIMARY MISSION WAS TO CONTINUE MISSION 7300 SEARCH CAPABILITIES, WITH EMPHASIS ON A) GEOLOCATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF NEW OR UNUSUAL SIGNALS IN THE TARGET ENVIRONMENT FROM 2-18 GHZ, B) COLLECITON OF MAINBEAM TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE FROM SIGNALS OF INTEREST IN THE 2-18 GHZ FREQUENCY BAND, C) GENERAL AND DIRECTED SURVEILLANCE FOR OPERATIONAL STATUS, AND D) ELECTRONIC ORDER OF BATTLE.

3. PRIOR TO THE LAUNCH OF MISSION 7346, THE DECISION WAS MADE TO DELAY THE MANEUVERING OF THE VEHICLE TO ITS DESIGNED MISSION ORIENTATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE [redacted]

[redacted] THIS REQUIRED ITS ENGINEERING CHECKOUT TO BE COMPRESSED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THIS DATA TO THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

4. AS A RESULT, BY 2 JUNE 1982 (22 DAYS AFTER LAUNCH), ALL ENGINEERING TESTS WERE COMPLETED, THE SYSTEM WAS DECLARED FULLY OPERATIONAL, AND TIME CRITICAL REPORTING PROCEDURES WERE IMPLEMENTED.

5. THE FIRST REPORTED MISSION 7346 DATA (14-17 MAY 82) WAS ON [redacted]

6. THIS SYSTEM MADE SIGNIFICANT AND UNIQUE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EXPLOITATION [redacted] MISSION 7300 WAS THE ONLY OVERHEAD SYSTEM TO ROUTINELY PROVIDE THE MUCH NEEDED OPERATIONAL [redacted] FEEDBACK FROM THE CUSTOMER STATED: MISSION 7300'S OUTSTANDING SUPPORT DURING THE HIGH-INTEREST PERIOD OF THE [redacted]

WAS OF EXCEPTIONAL VALUE..." AND THE "DATA OF EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY." BY 9 AUGUST, THE MISSION 7346 PLATFORM WAS REORIENTED TO ITS DESIGNED MISSION ORIENTATION IN A 39 REV MANEUVER.

7. IN ADDITION TO [redacted] SUPPORT, MISSION 7346 RESPONDED

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TO INTELLIGENCE NEEDS BY COLLECTING SIGINT (COMINT/ELINT/FISINT) DATA ON SIGNIFICANT SIGNALS AND EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD, WHILE OUR SITE PERSONNEL ANALYZED AND REPORTED THESE ACTIVITIES.

8. IN 1982, DURING PRODUCT PHASING, MISSION 7346 COLLECTION CONTRIBUTED TO OUR REPORTING ON [REDACTED] PROVIDING DETAILED REPORTS ON PENDING AND ACTUAL EVENTS IN THIS AREA." ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOMER, "THESE REPORTS MET ALL SPECIFIED CRITERIA AND OFTEN EXCEEDED TIMELINESS AND DETAIL STANDARDS."

9. THIS PLATFORM WAS ALSO TASKED TO PROVIDE HIGH INTEREST INTELLIGENCE DATA ON [REDACTED] THAT, AT THE TIME, SUPPLEMENTED LIMITED COMINT INFORMATION. AGAIN, ACCORDING TO OUR CUSTOMERS, THE DATA "WAS PROVEN INVALUABLE TO BOTH NATIONAL LEVEL USERS AND MILITARY COMMANDS OPERATING IN THE AREA."

10. IN OCTOBER 1983, DIA APPLAUDED MISSION 7300'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE SERVICE AND THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. SPECIFICALLY, MISSION 7346'S [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THIS INTERCEPT ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATES THE RESPONSIVENESS OF OUR OVERHEAD ELINT SYSTEMS IN SUPPORT OF CRITICAL INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS."

11. FROM 1983 TO THE PRESENT, MISSION 7300 AND, SPECIFICALLY, THE DATA COLLECTED BY MISSION 7346, CONTINUES TO RESPOND TO CUSTOMER NEEDS. IT PROVIDED TIMELY REPORTING OF [REDACTED]

12. IN 1984, THE VEHICLE WAS TASKED TO SUPPORT THE [REDACTED] " AND IN 1989 THE [REDACTED] DISPUTE. IT ALSO SUPPORTED AND CONTINUES TO SUPPORT NUMEROUS MILITARY EXERCISES, SUCH AS, SERENE BYTE, NIGHT FURY, AND GREEN FLAG, TO NAME A FEW.

13. IN A RELATIVELY NEW EFFORT AT THE SITE, MISSION 7346 PROVIDES MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE DATA USED TO SUPPORT OUR [REDACTED]

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15. TODAY, MISSION 7346 CONTINUES TO SERVE THE INTELLIGENCE
COMMUNITY PROVIDING VALUABLE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION LONG
AFTER IT'S PROJECTED MEAN MISSION DURATION.

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