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SIGINT COMMITTEE
SIGINT OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

SUBJECT: Revised Processing Guidance for POPPY [redacted]
POPPY [redacted] LAMPAN II-7328 and SAMPAN III-7329

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1. In view of the degradation of STRAWMAN EOB data acquisition, the SIGINT OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE SUBCOMMITTEE recommends the following Processing Guidance for POPPY [redacted] POPPY [redacted] LAMPAN-7328 and SAMPAN-7329:

a. Maximize EOB processing of LAMPAN II. SAMPAN III and POPPY data in the 100-4000 MHz frequency range.

b. Report, on the basis of a 90% confidence ellipse, all emitters in the USSR with less than a [redacted] semi-major axis and all emitters in Communist China with less than a [redacted] semi-major axis. Reporting of these EOB data should be accomplished as expeditiously as possible.

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c. The above recommended processing and reporting of EOB data from the subject payloads is to continue for a period of 60 days when further SORS guidance will be issued.

2. In order to provide a standard for measuring the effectiveness of the above recommended EOB production and reporting from POPPY and LAMPAN/SAMPAN data, the DIA Member, SORS, is developing a data base against priority threat emitters based primarily on previous SETTER/THRESHER/REAPER payload EOB reporting. The SORS will evaluate the recommended processing and reporting from POPPY and LAMPAN/SAMPAN data and develop appropriate further guidance.

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3. It is requested that, if any of the following occur, these matters be brought to the attention of the SORS as early as possible for appropriate guidance:

a. If EOB processing and reporting from POPPY and LAMPAN/SAMPAN data fall substantially short of EOB data needs.

b. If conditions are identified which affect EOB production and reporting from data acquired by these systems.

c. If technical intelligence processing is considered to be seriously degraded.

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