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

SUBJECT: Revised Mission Guidance for SIGINT Satellite
Mission 7338

The SIGINT OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE SUBCOMMITTEE (SORS) recommends the following revised mission guidance for SIGINT Satellite Mission 7338:

I. COLLECTION

A. Mission 7338 should be operated to provide data routinely that will satisfy General Search, Technical Intelligence (TI) and high priority Operational ELINT requirements from the following areas which are to be normally covered on an equal basis: USSR, Eastern Europe, PRC, North Korea, and other areas as directed.

B. A Directed Search effort should be made against tip-off activity, air defense exercises, and other specific events, i.e., , and will take precedence over routine continuing requirements. Based on satellite conjunction data and other information, the NSA will provide a listing of collection opportunities to the NRO in sufficient time to permit appropriate tasking of Mission 7338.

C. Mission 7338 should be optimized to collect in Bands 1, 3, and 4 on a 2 to 1 ratio over Bands 1, 2, 4, and 5.

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II. The NSA may recommend immediate temporary adjustments in tasking to optimize collection of significant timely events and exercises. These recommendations, generally based on tip-off information, should be implemented by the NRO/
 as practicable within procedures defined in current SORS mission guidance.

III. Collection requirements of an urgent nature will be handled in accordance with procedures established in SORS 10./193/3, TCS-2378-74 (Time Critical Requirements).

IV. PROCESSING AND REPORTING

A. For Operational ELINT requirements, the timeliness of processing and reporting is generally within 24 hours for land-based targets.

B. For time critical requirements (Paragraph III above), due to processing limitations, reporting of data will generally be within 24 hours.

C. DIA will advise the NSA of those emitters which should be processed and reported for routine EOB purposes.

V. The SORS request that it be kept fully informed of the operational status and intercept success of Mission 7338 on a fortnightly basis.

VI. This mission guidance supersedes all previous SORS mission guidance for Mission 7338.

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