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MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. Frank W. Hartley, Program "D"
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committee, COMIREX
Chairman, Sanitization and Decontrol
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TALENT Control Officer, CIA

SUBJECT : Change in Security Proposal for
Protection of TAGBOARD End Product

REFERENCE : BYE-5426-69, Subject: Security Proposal
for Protection of TAGBOARD End Product;
dated 10 November 1969

1. The referenced memorandum from the TSO/CIA pro-
posed that the end product of TAGBOARD missions be classified
TOP SECRET, bear the codeword TAG, carry the handling caveat,
NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION, and be protected in the TALENT
Control System.

2. DIA requests that the choice of codeword TAG be re-
considered. Their rationale for this proposal follows:

"(1) Considering that there may be a
significant time period before the next D-21
photographic mission request that assignment
of the codeword TAG proposed for use on D-21
drone film be reconsidered.

"(2) Presently used in the inventory of
COMIREX-related code words are TANGO,
TALENT, TACKLE, TAGBOARD, and TIGER.

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TIGER is the non-BYEMAN reference to TAGBOARD; TANGO, the phonetic for letter T, is used for TALENT.

"(3) Suggest CHESS be used as the codeword for photography taken by any air breathing vehicle over denied areas. TCO's presently have 'CHESS' stamps and security classification directions.

"(4) If the codeword CHESS is unacceptable suggest a four letter word be chosen that is as different from TAGBOARD as ZARF is from EARPOP and RUFF is from CORONA and GAMBIT.

"(5) An unnecessary risk is being taken with the use of TAG. Due to its long period of development, many people are aware of "TAGBOARD" both officially and unofficially. To utilize a product called TAG will not reinforce the security attitude that protects the secrecy of individual BYEMAN codewords."

3. The TSO/CLA has no objection to the proposal to use the codeword "CHESS" rather than "TAG". If you have no objection to this proposal would you strike over the word "TAG" in the referenced memorandum and replace it with "CHESS".


TALENT Security Officer, CIA