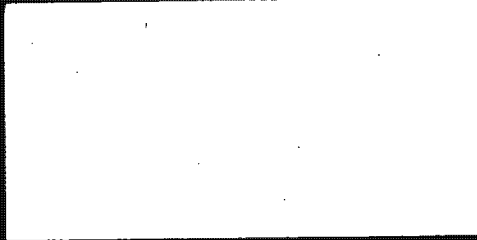


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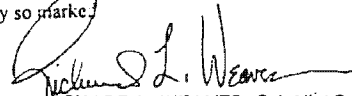
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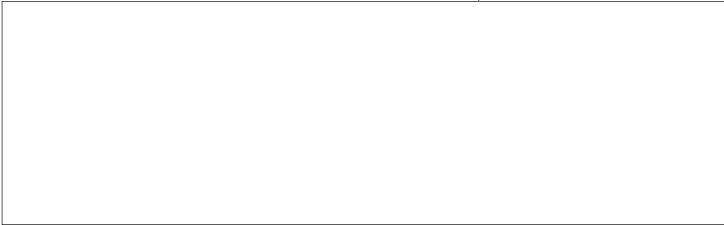
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FOREWORD

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ THE ITEMS OF PRIMARY INTEREST DEALT WITH IN THIS HISTORY ARE THE FINALIZATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND BEGINNING OF OPERATIONS AT OL-36, WHEELUS AB, LIBYA.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ DETACHMENT 1, RAF UPPER HEYFORD, ENGLAND, CONTINUED TO FUNCTION AS A WELL-ESTABLISHED UNIT WITH ONLY A FEW DIFFICULTIES.



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
JAN 5	(S/NOFORN) U. S. AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA BRIEFED ON THE OPERATION AND MISSION OF OL-36.
7	(S/NOFORN) EB-47E AIRCRAFT ON STATION AT OL-36.
9	(U) STAFF VISIT MADE TO OL-36 BY 98SW COMMANDER, COL LOUIS M. SOWERS, AND A PARTY OF THREE.
9	(S/NOFORN) OL-36 DECLARED OPERATIONALLY READY.
11	(S/NOFORN) OL-36 ASSUMES ALERT STATUS.
25	(S/NOFORN) FIRST RECONNAISSANCE MISSION FLOWN OUT OF OL-36, AGAINST COSMOS 139, WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.
30 TO 19 FEB	STAND-DOWN FROM OPERATING AT DET 1 REQUESTED BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN'S VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY.
MAR 23	(S) ANOTHER RB-47H AIRCRAFT ADDED TO DET 1'S BOX TOP MISSION PACKAGE.
27	(S/NOFORN) STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND ANNOUNCED REDUCTION OF TO A HOLDING PACKAGE.

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CHAPTER I

FACILITIES AT THE OPERATING LOCATIONS (U)

INTRODUCTION

~~(S/N FORN)~~ THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE DETAILED PLANNING AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE EB-47E TELFOMETRY COLLECTING OPERATION AT WHEELUS AB, LIBYA, HAD BEEN COMPLETED BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1967; HOWEVER, THERE REMAINED SOME PROBLEMS IN LOGISTICS SUPPORT, OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, AND MANNING FOR THE NEW OPERATING LOCATION (OL-36).

~~(S)~~ DETACHMENT 1,* RAF UPPER HEYFORD, CONTINUED ITS AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY CAUSED BY LACK OF FACILITIES, SINCE IT HAD A WELL-ESTABLISHED OPERATION.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ OPERATING LOCATION 36, WHEELUS AB, LIBYA, WAS ACTIVATED ON 30 DEC 1966¹ WITH MEN AND MATERIEL COMING FROM [REDACTED] 98SW. WITH ALL THE PREPARATION NEARLY COMPLETED, THERE

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* HEREAFTER REFERRED TO IN THE NARRATIVE AS OL-1.
** HEREAFTER REFERRED TO IN THE NARRATIVE AS OL-4.
1. SPAR HIST 98SW, JUN-DEC 66, P. 25.

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REMAINED ONLY TO MOVE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL, AND THE EB-47E AIRCRAFT FROM DET 1, 55TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE WING, FORBES AFB, KANSAS, TO WHEELUS AB IN ORDER TO HAVE THE NEW OPERATING LOCATION OPERATIONALLY READY BY 10 JAN 1967.² NO PROBLEM COULD BE FORESEEN TO PRECLUDE OL-36'S BEING IN A "GO" CONFIGURATION BY THE DATE PRESCRIBED BY HEADQUARTERS, STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND (SAC).³

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ WITH THE FINAL COORDINATION AND REFINEMENTS BEING COMPLETED AT OL-36 AND THE UNIT SOON TO START OPERATING, OL-36 COMMANDER, COL GEORGE H. WATSON, CONTACTED THE U. S. AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA ON THE IRON WORK* OPERATION. COLONEL WATSON BRIEFED THE AMBASSADOR ON A COVER STORY FOR THE UNIT ALONG WITH THE IMPORTANCE AND SECURITY ESSENTIAL FOR THE OPERATION.⁴

* ~~(S)~~ IN JANUARY THE UNCLASSIFIED NICKNAME IRON WORK WAS CHANGED TO BURNING SAND DUE TO A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE. SAC DIRECTED THE CHANGE IN MSG, DUSRU 00114, SAC TO JCS, ET AL.. "NICKNAME CHANGE." 5 JAN 1967.

2. Msg, TFC OL-36 0002, OL-36 TO [REDACTED] "SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT ALFT MISSION," 2 JAN 1967, IN DCM2 4-C FILE.
3. Msg, C 00007, [REDACTED] TO SAC, "ELUSIVE ELK/ IRON WORK," 4 JAN 1967, Ex 1.
4. Msg, OL-36 00005, OL-36 TO SAC RECON CENTER, 98SW, [REDACTED] NO SUBJECT, 5 JAN 1967, Ex 2.

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~~(S/NOFORN)~~ THE 20MM CANNONS WERE REMOVED FROM THE EB-47E RECONNAISSANCE BOMBER WITH THE APPROVAL OF SAC.⁵ JUSTIFICATION FOR REMOVAL OF THESE CANNONS WAS THAT THERE WAS NO SUPPORT AT WHEELUS FOR THE FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM AND ALSO IT WAS CALCULATED THAT AN UNARMED AIRCRAFT WOULD ATTRACT LESS ATTENTION. THE BURNING SAND TRACK WAS ENTIRELY OVER LIBYAN TERRITORY.⁶ THE CANNONS WERE TO REMAIN AT WHEELUS IN THE MISSION SUPPORT KIT WHICH HAD BEEN FLOWN IN FROM DET 1. 55SRW RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF BURNING SAND AIRCRAFT.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ THE FIRST EB-47E HAVE TELL AIRCRAFT DEPLOYED FROM FORBES AFB ON 5 JAN 1967 TO WHEELUS AB, WITH A STOPOVER AT TORREJON AB, SPAIN.⁷

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ WITH THE EB-47E IN PLACE, THE UNIT WAS OPERATIONALLY READY AS OF 1600Z, 9 JAN 1967, AND ASSUMED ALERT STATUS AT WHEELUS AT 0001Z, 11 JAN 1967.⁸

5. Msg, DUSRU 00234, SAC to OL-36, "ELUSIVE ELK/HAVE TELL," 9 JAN 1967, Ex 3.
6. Msg, TFC/OL-36 00006, OL-36 to SAC RECON CENTER, "HAVE TELL/ELUSIVE ELK," Ex 4.
7. Msg, DET 1, 55DCU7P 03747, 55SRW to 15AF, ET AL., "DEPLOYMENT ROUTE OF HAVE TELL ACFT," 22 DEC 1966.
8. Msg, TFC/OL-36 00011, OL-36 to SAC RECON CENTER, "ELUSIVE ELK/HAVE TELL," 9 JAN 1967, Ex 5.

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~~(S/NOFORN)~~ OL-36 FLEW ITS FIRST OPERATIONAL SORTIE ON 25 JAN 1967 AGAINST THE SOVIET COSMOS 139. THE OL-36 RECEIVED HIGH PRAISE FROM THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF OTHER COMMANDS AND SERVICES FOR THE PART PLAYED IN DATA COLLECTING AND REPORTING MISSION AGAINST THE SOVIET SPACE VEHICLE.⁹

ADEQUACY/INADEQUACY OF FACILITIES: ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE DEFICIENCIES:

OL-36.

(U) A STAFF VISIT WAS MADE TO OL-36 BY COL LOUIS M. SOWERS, COMMANDER, 98SW, LTCOL LLOYD A. BISHOP, DCH, MAJ JOHN P. MARKEY, DCOR, AND CMSGT F. M. FAYETTE, DCH, ON 9 JAN 1967. PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO OBSERVE READINESS OF THE NEW FACILITIES AND PROVIDE STAFF ASSISTANCE.

(U) COLONEL BISHOP INSPECTED THE FACILITIES AND NOTED THAT SPACE ALLOCATED TO THE OL-36 OPERATION WAS ADEQUATE; HOWEVER, AIRMEN'S AND OFFICERS' QUARTERS LEFT SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED. THE AIRMEN

9. MSG, DU 01710, SAC TO 15AF, ET AL., NO SUBJECT, 17 FEB 1967, IN DCOR.

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WERE HOUSED IN AN AREA AWAY FROM THE UNIT'S OPERATION. THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO BE MOVED TO A BETTER LOCATION LATER. THE OFFICER AIRCREWS AND STAFF OFFICERS WERE LIVING IN AN OLD BUQ AREA NEAR THE OFFICERS OPEN MESS. HEAT WAS PROVIDED BY ALADDIN TYPE, OIL-BURNING SPACE HEATERS, WHICH WERE HAZARDOUS IN UNVENTED ROOMS.¹⁰

(S) AT FIRST, OL-36 EXPERIENCED SOME DIFFICULTIES IN RECEIVING MESSAGES DUE TO IMPROPER ROUTING OR NOT BEING PROPERLY ADDRESSED. THE RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE THAT ALL MESSAGES SENT TO OL-36 HAVE THE INSTRUCTION "PASS TO TFC OL-36" INCLUDED FOR INTERNAL HANDLING.¹¹

(S/NOFORN) THERE WAS SOME PROBLEM WITH THE HATE TELL EB-47E S-BAND SYSTEM (A WATKINS-JOHNSON WJ-2118) AND EMITTER AMPLIFIERS FOR THE QUICK FIX DETECTED OUTPUTS. FOR THE S-BAND, IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT A WATKINS-JOHNSON WJ-269 BE INSTALLED, AND THAT TWO LOCALLY MANUFACTURED EMITTER-AMPLIFIERS BE INSTALLED

10. LTR, DCM2 98SW TO DCM, SUBJ: STAFF VISIT REPORT, 12 JAN 1967, Ex 6.

11. MSG, TFC/OL-36 00013, OL-36 TO SAC RECON CENTER, ET AL., "MSG ADDRESS FOR OL-36," 9 JAN 1967, IN DCM2 4-C FILE.

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IN THE QUICK FIX EQUIPMENT.¹² THE REQUEST FOR THE WJ-263 WAS DISAPPROVED DUE TO THE EXPENSE INVOLVED AND ALSO BECAUSE S-BAND WAS OF SECONDARY PRIORITY ON THE COLLECTION MISSIONS.¹³

~~(S/N FORN)~~ IN ADDITION TO THE EQUIPMENT ALREADY TRANSFERRED FROM [REDACTED]¹⁴ UL-4 REQUESTED TWO MD-3 WATER ALCOHOL SERVICING UNITS AND ONE 50-GALLON LIQUID OXYGEN SERVICING (LOX) CART BE TRANSFERRED FROM INCIRLIK TO WHEELUS IN SUPPORT OF BURNING SAND.¹⁵ AFTER AN EVALUATION OF TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS AT UL-36, AN ADDITIONAL TWO ½-TON PICKUPS WHICH WERE NORMALLY ASSIGNED TO UL-4 WERE REQUESTED TO BE SHIPPED TO WHEELUS FROM INCIRLIK AB, TURKEY.¹⁶

~~(S)~~ USAFE AUTHORIZED THE SHIPMENT OF THE TWO ½-TON PICKUP TRUCKS, THE LOX SERVICING CART, AND THE

12. Hsg, TFC/UL-36 00053, UL-36 TO SAC RECON CENTER, FTD WPAFB CHIO, "MODIFICATIONS TO HAVE TELL SYS." 30 JAN 1967, IN DCM2 4-C FILE.

13. Hsg, TDCEU 07380, FTD WPAFB CHIO TO SAC, NO SUBJECT, 15 FEB 1967, IN DCM2 4-C FILE.

14. SPAR HIST 98SW, JUN-DEC 66, P. 21.

15. Hsg, DM 00058, [REDACTED] TO CINCUSAFE, "ELUSIVE ELK/HAVE TELL," 17 JAN 1967, Ex 2.

16. Hsg, DM 00057, [REDACTED] TO USAFE, "UL-36 VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS," 17 JAN 1967, Ex 8.

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TWO LD-2 WATER ALCOHOL SERVICE UNITS FROM [REDACTED]

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(S) SINCE OL-36 WAS MANNED BY MANY TDY PERSONNEL FROM OL-4** TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THEIR HOME STATION AND WHEELUS COULD HAVE CREATED PROBLEMS, BUT

[REDACTED] SCHEDULED A C-54 COURIER TO OPERATE BETWEEN THE TWO BASES EVERY OTHER WEEK.¹⁷

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(S/NOFORN) ACTION WAS STARTED IN MARCH TO TRANSFER ITEMS FROM OL-4 WAR RESERVE SUPPLY KIT (WRSK) TO OL-36 IN VIEW OF PENDING EVENTS THAT WERE SCHEDULED TO HAPPEN DURING THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS OF 1967. NO FINAL ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.¹⁸

(S/NOFORN) THE PENDING EVENT MENTIONED ABOVE WAS THE COMMAND DECISION TO REDUCE OL-4 TO A HOLDING PACKAGE AND THE ASSUMPTION OF THE MANNING

* BOTH [REDACTED] AND WHEELUS AB ARE USAF INSTALLATIONS AND THE TRANSFER OF THESE ITEMS WAS MADE FROM ONE BASE SUPPLY TO THE OTHER.
** THE 98SW COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS DIVISION (DCUCE) WAS REQUIRED TO AUGMENT THE OL-36 RADIO OPERATIONS SECTION WITH TWO ADDITIONAL RADIO OPERATORS. PERSONNEL WERE SENT TDY FOR PERIODS OF 90 DAYS.

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- 17. MSG, DCOR 00022, 98SW TO CINCUSAFE, ET AL., NO SUBJECT, 18 JAN 1967, Ex 9.
- 18. HIST 98SW, JAN-MAR 67, PP. 54-55.

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RESPONSIBILITY OF OL-36 BY THE 55SRW.¹⁹ THE NOTIFI-
CATION WAS RECEIVED LATE IN THE QUARTER, AND NO
FURTHER ACTION HAD BEEN TAKEN AS OF 31 MAR 1967.

~~(S/N-FOUO)~~ A STAFF VISIT WAS MADE TO OL-36 BY
LT COL CORNELIUS P. BERBEC, CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS-
ELECTRONICS DIVISION (DCUCE), TO INSURE THE SAC HIGH
FREQUENCY, SINGLE SIDEBAND (HF SSB) STATION THERE
WAS PROVIDING ADEQUATE SUPPORT TO THE OL'S MISSION.
IT WAS DECIDED TO CORRECT THE KNOWN DEFICIENCY
INHERENT IN THE THREE KWM-2A RADIOS ON LOAN FROM THE
98TH'S ASSETS. (THE RADIOS WERE INCAPABLE OF TUNING
BETWEEN 5000 TO 6000 KILOCYCLES.) TO COVER THIS
FREQUENCY BAND, A KWT-6 RADIO UNIT WAS SHIPPED LATER
IN MARCH FROM DCUCE RESOURCES AT TORREJON AB WITH
THE CONCURRENCE OF H2 SAC (DUCER-3).²⁰

DET 1 (OL-1).

(U) OL-1 AT RAF UPPER HEYFORD HAD AN ESTAB-
LISHED OPERATION WITH A CONTINUAL MISSION AND WAS
NOT HAMPERED BY FACILITY PROBLEMS AS WAS OL-36.

19. MSG, DUSRO 03060, SAC TO 98SW, ET AL., "ELUSIVE
ELK/HAVE TELL," 27 MAR 1967, EX 10.
20. HIST 98SW, JAN-MAR 67, P. 64.

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(U) WITH THE INFLOW OF PERSONNEL FROM FRANCE, CAUSED BY THE U. S. MILITARY PULLOUT FROM THAT COUNTRY, IT APPEARED THAT BILLETING FOR SAC PERSONNEL AT OL-1 MIGHT BECOME A PROBLEM AREA. THE SAC INSPECTOR GENERAL TEAM WAS CONCERNED WITH THE QUARTERS UTILIZED BY DETACHMENT PERSONNEL. TWO PEOPLE WERE ASSIGNED TO EACH ROOM (8X12 FEET) AND NO DAYROOM WAS AVAILABLE. THE HOST BASE UNIT AT UPPER HEYFORD ATTEMPTED TO MOVE SAC PERSONNEL INTO AN EVEN SMALLER BUILDING IN FEBRUARY 1967, BUT THE ACTION WAS SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED. MAKING THE BEST OF WHAT THEY HAD, RESIDENTS OF THE DORMITORY IMPROVED AND MAINTAINED THEIR BUILDING. ONE OF THE ROOMS WAS PROGRAMMED TO BE CONVERTED INTO A DAYROOM.²¹

(S) OL-1 HAD ONE PIECE OF MISSION EQUIPMENT WHICH DID NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY. THE GLH-3 AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDER USED TO PROCESS ALD-4 VIDEO TAPES HAD BEEN OPERATING LESS THAN SATISFACTORILY FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD. NUMEROUS MESSAGES HAD BEEN SENT REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN REPAIR OF THE RECORDER, AND

²¹. HIST 98SW, JAN-MAR 67, PP. 12-13.

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PERMISSION WAS FINALLY GRANTED TO SHIP THE UNIT TO A DEPOT FOR REPAIR. THE 98SW ASKED OKLAHOMA CITY AIR MATERIEL AREA (OCAMA) FOR SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS BUT OCAMA INSTEAD ARRANGED FOR A TEAM FROM THE GROUND ELECTRONICS INSTALLATIONS AGENCY, GERMANY (GEEIA), TO MAKE A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE RECORDER. AFTER TESTS, THE TEAM MEMBERS CONCURRED THAT THE INSTRUMENT REQUIRED DEPOT MAINTENANCE.²² SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS STILL HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED AS OF 31 MAR 1967.²³

~~(S)~~ AN ADDITIONAL RB-47H RECONNAISSANCE BOMBER WAS ADDED TO THE UL-1 SPAR PACKAGE ON 23 MAR 1967, GIVING THE DETACHMENT A SPARE AIRCRAFT FOR ALL ITS BOX TOP MISSIONS. NO PROBLEMS WERE ENCOUNTERED IN THE UL'S CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT ITS RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES OR MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE ADDITIONAL RB-47.²⁴

~~(S)~~ THE 98SW SUPPLY DIVISION WAS IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THE TRANSFER OF 51 ITEMS IN THE KC-135

22. HIST DET 1, 98SW, JAN-FEB 67, PP. 4-5, IN HISTORICAL ARCHIVES, CASH.

23. HIST DET 1, 98SW, MAR 67, P. 2, IN HISTORICAL ARCHIVES, CASH.

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MISSION SUPPORT KIT (OPEN DOOR) FOR OL-1 FROM THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE TORREJON BASE SUPPLY TO THE UPPER HEYFORD BASE SUPPLY: THE ACTION WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO ALL CONCERNED. SINCE THE CONTROL OF THE OPEN DOOR KIT WAS AT TORREJON, ITEMS FOR REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT HAD TO BE RETURNED TO TORREJON AND RESUPPLY PROCEDURES ACCOMPLISHED. THE REPLACEMENT ITEMS WERE THEN SENT TO UPPER HEYFORD. WHEN THE TRANSFER WAS MADE, ALL REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF THOSE 51 ITEMS COULD BE MADE DIRECT. INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER APPROVAL WAS SAC, USAFE, 16AF AND THE 401ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING. FINAL ACTION ON THE TRANSFER WAS PENDING AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.²⁵

NEW FACILITIES, REPAIRS TO EXISTING FACILITIES.

PROGRESS MADE:

(U) OTHER THAN ACTIONS TAKEN TO ESTABLISH FACILITIES AT OL-35 FOR THE AIR RECONNAISSANCE MISSION THERE, NO NEW PROJECTS HAVE BEEN STARTED FOR ADDED FACILITIES OR TO REPAIR EXISTING FACILITIES AT THE TWO ACTIVE 98SW OPERATING LOCATIONS.

25. HIST 98SW, JAN-MAR 67, PP. 50, 51, 52, 53.

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CHAPTER II

AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED THROUGH TORREJON AB

INTRODUCTION

~~(S)~~ RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT ARE NOT SCHEDULED THROUGH TORREJON AB. THEIR INFREQUENT STOPS AT TORREJON WERE IN CONJUNCTION WITH DEPLOY OR REDEPLOY MOVEMENTS FROM AND TO THE UNIT POSSESSING THE AIRCRAFT (THE 55SRW).

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ SCHEDULING OF THE BOX TOP COLLECTION MISSIONS OUT OF OL-1 WERE MADE AT A MONTHLY MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL AGENCIES - U. S. NAVY, U. S. AIR FORCE IN EUROPE, AND ROYAL AIR FORCE (BRITISH) - INVOLVED IN THE PEACETIME AIR RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM IN EUROPE.¹ THE 98SW RECONNAISSANCE DIVISION (DCOR) ACCOMPLISHED COORDINATION FOR SAC RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS IN EUROPE AT THIS CONFERENCE.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ BECAUSE OF THE TYPE OF MISSIONS FLOWN BY OL-36, SCHEDULING IN ADVANCE WAS NOT POSSIBLE. THE PROCEDURE WAS:

1. SPAR HIST 98SW, JUN-DEC 66, P. 7.

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"...A. ONE EB-47E AIRCRAFT WILL BE MAINTAINED IN "COCKED" CONFIGURATION FOR MINIMUM DELAY TAKEOFF INSOFAR AS PRACTICAL. MAINTENANCE AND RECOVERY PERIODS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THIS REQUIREMENT.

B. OPERATIONAL MISSIONS MAY BE LAUNCHED ON A NO-NOTICE BASIS.

C. OPERATIONAL SORTIES MAY BE LAUNCHED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THIS (SAC) HEADQUARTERS. UPON PROPER NOTIFICATION, FORWARD AREA COMMANDERS WILL LAUNCH AIRCRAFT FOR TELEMETRY INTERCEPT..."²

SUPPORT RENDERED BY 98SW:

(U) THE 98SW PROVIDED ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT COORDINATED THROUGH DCOR, AS REQUIRED FOR THE SPAR PROGRAM IN EUROPE.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ AIR REFUELING SUPPORT FOR OL-1'S BOX TOP MISSIONS WAS FLOWN BY THE SPANISH TANKER TASK FORCE OUT OF TORREJON AB. OL-36 AIRCRAFT, BECAUSE OF THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF ITS COLLECTION TRACK, DID NOT REQUIRE AIR REFUELING.³ DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1967, 18 KC-135 TANKER SORTIES WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF OL-1'S RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS.⁴

2. MSG, DCORU 12876, SAC TO JCS, ET AL., "FRAGMENTARY ORDER 60-67-02-02," 20 DEC 1966, IN DCOR.
3. MSG, TFC/OL-36 00006, OL-36 TO SAC RECON CENTER, "HAVE TELL/ELUSIVE ELK," 6 JAN 1967, Ex 4.
4. MSGS, DCOUT 15029, 31 JAN 1967, DCOUT 15062, 28 FEB 1967, DCOUT 15085, 31 MAR 1967, 98SW TO SAC (DOGK), "KC-135 ACTIVITY REPORT," IN DCOUT.

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SUMMARY

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ OL-36, WHEELUS AB, LIBYA, BECAME OPERATIONALLY READY ON 9 JAN 1967 AND ASSUMED ALERT STATUS TWO DAYS LATER. THE FIRST MISSION FLOWN BY THE NEW OPERATING LOCATION HAVE TELL EB-47E AIRCRAFT LATE IN JANUARY WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS. A FEW LOGISTICS PROBLEMS WERE ENCOUNTERED IN THE TRANSPORTATION AND AIRCRAFT SERVICING UNITS AREAS. BUT THESE WERE SOLVED BEFORE THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. OL-36 FLEW A TOTAL OF NINE MISSIONS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1967.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ OL-1, RAF UPPER HEYFORD, CONTINUED TO FLY ITS BOX TOP COLLECTION MISSIONS AS SCHEDULED. A STAND-DOWN WAS ASKED FOR DURING THE PERIOD OF 30 JANUARY TO 19 FEBRUARY BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF SOVIET PREMIER KOSYGIN'S VISIT TO THE U. K. THIS WAS LATER MODIFIED TO INCLUDE ONLY SORTIES AGAINST SOVIET COUNTRIES. TWENTY-THREE MISSION SORTIES WERE FLOWN OUT OF OL-1, WITH 18 BEING SUPPORTED BY KC-135 TANKERS FROM THE SPANISH TANKER TASK FORCE.

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~~(S/NOFORN)~~ ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY POINTED OUT IN THE NARRATIVE DUE TO LIMITATIONS OF DESIRED SUBJECTS COVERED, THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1967 MIGHT BE CHARACTERIZED AS A PERIOD OF EXTENSIVE PLANNING AND REVISION FOR THE RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITIES OF THE 98SW. VIRTUALLY ALL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY THE 98SW WERE ENTERING A PHASE OF MAJOR CHANGE IN CONCEPT AND METHODS. FOR THE MOST PART THE FORTHCOMING CHANGES WERE IN RESPONSE TO THE ADVENT OF NEW EQUIPMENT, AIRCRAFT, AND CONCEPTS FOR ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AS WELL AS MORE SOPHISTICATED AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE. CHANGES IN CONCEPT AND METHODS WERE BRINGING ATTENDANT FLUCTUATIONS IN THE MANNING STRUCTURE OF THE OPERATING LOCATIONS.

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