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KH-11 Working Group Meeting No. 2
Room GE0442, CIA Headquarters
0930-1210, Wednesday, 5 July 1972



CHAIRMAN

Col. James C. Fitzpatrick
(Mr. Roy D. Sexton)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. R. J. Kerr, SSG/DDI
Mr. J. E. Dietel, NPIC

Lt. Col. F. D. Allman, ICRS (e.o.)
Mr. W. J. Suckow, Ch/EXSUBCOM (e.o.)

AD HOC MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. J. H. Downs, State
Lt. Col. J. R. Thomas, DIA

Mr. A. L. Webber, Navy/NRSTC
Lt. Col. L.C. Butt, Air Force
Mr. J. M. Bollinger, NSA

STAFF CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Maj. D. J. Alser, NRO
Mr. H. L. Emerson, OSP/CIA

Mr. D. D. J. Bellan, EXSUBCOM Staff

1. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss members' comments on two draft manuscripts prior to securing formal COMIREX coordination. The drafts entitled "KH-11 Operations Concept" and "Projected Film Requirements" were forwarded to the members and Ad Hoc members on 27 June 1972 by the Chairman's memorandum entitled "Review of KH-11 Concept Documents", BYE-2260-72.

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2. The Chairman introduced Mr. Roy Sexton (DIA) as a new member of the COMIREX staff and advised that Mr. Sexton would henceforth be the permanent chairman of the KH-11 Working Group.

3. Commenting on the two agenda items, the Chairman apologized for the short deadline imposed for receiving written comments and indicated that comments would be accepted verbally during the review but that formal follow-up of written comments was desired.

4. The ensuing discussion of the "KH-11 Operations Concept" paper consisted principally of an exchange of views and answering member's questions to assure a common understanding of various aspects of the entire KH-11 system--rather than specific comments requiring changes to the paper under review. Some of the more significant issues discussed were as follows:

a. To assure common understanding of terms used--OSP (Mr. Emerson) is currently preparing a glossary which will be incorporated in the document.

b. Major Alser (NRO) advised that a strong likelihood exists, that under the proposed security constraints for the new T-KH [REDACTED] compartment, the "KH-11 Operations Concept" document might be removed from the BYEMAN/KENNEN Control and be afforded wider dissemination at the T-KH level. The determination as to the desirability of such a change in compartmentation is now being effected by the NRO/CIA.

c. Mrs. Downs (State) requested that, if possible, the Chairman disseminate to the Ad Hoc membership, copies of Mr. Inlow's recent memorandum to OSP concerning "User Community Space and Equipment Requirements at the KH-11 Operations and Processing Facility". The Chairman indicated that this request would be discussed with Mr. Inlow.

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d. The NPIC member advised of their continuing concern over the current collection planning concept which will result in only a 45-minute notification of targets to be imaged on each pass--this relatively short notice necessitates a greater number of NPIC support personnel to secure and disseminate the necessary target jackets to the interpreter prior to imagery receipt. OSP was asked to quantify the impact of performing the target selection process at an earlier time so as to significantly increase the notification time (by perhaps 2-3 hours) to NPIC. OSP (Mr. Emerson) indicated that by accomplishing CPAT targeting actions as late as possible the latest weather data could be incorporated, thus increasing the percentage of cloud-free images acquired. Data are apparently not available at present which would permit an accurate appraisal of the trade-off between the CPAT use of "better weather data" and its consequence--the requirement for more NPIC support personnel. OSP will attempt to quantify the probable impact on collection targeting and recognizes the inherent problem imposed on NPIC's exploitation.

e. In response to a request by Mrs. Downs, OSP agreed to incorporate a chart depicting graphically the timing of events during typical collection planning/targeting cycle.

5. Mr. Sexton requested that the organizations represented provide formal written comments to the COMIREX Staff by cob, Wednesday, 12 July 1972. Preparation and re-circulation to the members of any redraft of the KH-11 Operations Concept document will depend on the nature and scope of comments received and discussion with Mr. Inlow. OSP desires the COMIREX-coordinated document within the next 3-4 weeks.

6. Concerning the "Projected Film Requirements" document, it was the consensus of the group that COMIREX should reaffirm the higher estimate of 29 copies rather than the lower estimate of 23 copies--this is deemed adequate to take care of any unforeseen requirements

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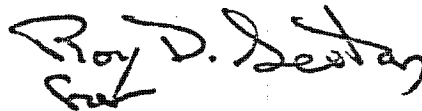
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not now identified. DIA requested the U&S Command organizations shown on the table be deleted and their needs be regrouped under DIA as as to eliminate the impression that DIA had actually contacted these organizations and confirmed their film distribution requirements.

7. At the request of NRO, it was clarified that except for the one complete original going to NPIC, distribution of the totally cloud covered imagery would not be effected to the community as shown on the present table.

8. DIA queried NRO as to the possible impact of establishing a requirement for multiple-copies of imagery of each target treated by a "spot report" to be made available within one hour after issuance of the report. Major Alser foresees no problem in satisfying this type requirement which will involve probably less than a dozen targets nightly.

9. There being no other business, the group adjourned at 1210.



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Chairman

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