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JUSTIFICATION

This mission is in response to the USIB requirement for high resolution photographic coverage of COMIREX priority targets in North Vietnam. Specifically, the OXCART aircraft is to cover those areas of North Vietnam which, because of surface-to-air missile defenses, cannot be covered adequately by other means. The 303 Committee has approved a bank of nine BLACK SHIELD missions per month.

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COMIREX targets

OXCART targets

25X1A Cac Ba Coastal Defense Site * 2. Haiphong/Cat Bi Airfield #* 3. Haiphong/Kien An Airfield * 4. Hanoi/Bac Mai Airfield Hanoi/Gia Lam Airfield * 5. #* 6. Phuc Yen Airfield Lang Son Airfield * 7. * 8. Kep Airfield 9. Yen Bai Suspect A/F U/C Hoa Lac Airfield U/C Bai Thuong Airfield Port Wallut Naval Base *10. 11. 12. Port Wallut Naval Base
Haiphong Port Complex
Cam Pha Port Facilities
Hon Gay Port Facilities
Ha Tou Naval Support Facility
Vinh/Ben Thuy Port Facilities #*13. *14. *15. 16. *17. 18. Ha Giang Military Installation Van Hai Army Barracks 19. Lang Son Military Complex Loc Binh Army Supply Depot 20. 21. Loc Binh Army Supply Depot
Thai Nguyen Army Supply Depot, North
Bac Kan Military Area
Phu Lang Thuong Military Area
Uit Thu Lu Special Area 1912
Ban Tchepone Special Area 1916
Ba Binh Special Area 2009
Ben Than Special Area 2013
Vinh An Special Area 2014
Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 2
Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 1
Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 3
Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 2 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 2
Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 1
Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 1
Hanoi-Ping Hsiang RR, Segment 3
Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 4
Hanoi-Lao Cai RR, Segment 5 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. Kep to Than Nguyen RR Dong Dang Complex
Phu Lang Thuong Complex
Cao Bang Complex
Lai Chau Complex
Lang Son Complex #*39. *40. *41. *42. Mon Cay Complex
Tien Yen Complex
Tuyen Quant *43. *44. *45. *46. Tuyen Quang Complex *47. Yen Bai Complex Dien Bien Phu Complex *48. #*****49. Kep Complex Lao Kay Complex #*****50. #*51. Haiphong RR Yards Viet Tri RR Yards #*52. Yen Vien (Hanoi) RR Yards

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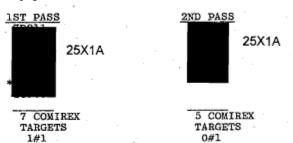
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BX6728 TARGET COVERAGE

Targets to be covered by this mission are listed below and are shown by pass number.



*Indicates 1st Priority COMIREX Targets

In addition to photographing the seven COMIREX targets, five of which have just been added in the region of the DMZ, the mission will obtain broad coverage of the potential deployment areas for tactical surface-to-surface missiles.

We have not had Black Shield coverage of the DMZ and 25X1D the panhandle areas since

NOTE: THIS MISSION DESIGNATED TO ACQUIRE DMZ COVERAGE BECAUSE OF EXPRESSED HIGH LEVEL INTEREST.

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VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

There are 249 surface-to-air missile launch positions that have been detected in North Vietnam; of this number, 216 are known to be capable of supporting surface-to-air operations; however, there are only 28 to 30 SAM battalions estimated to be active on any certain day. They are largely concentrated in the Hanoi, Haiphong, Thanh Hoa, and Yen Bai areas. The OXCART aircraft carries

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There are currently nine MIG-21 jet interceptors stationed at Phuc Yen Airfield, North Vietnam. These MIGs, however, are not capable of intercepting the OXCART aircraft.

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OPERATIONAL DATA

DISTANCE

: 4200 NM

TIME

: 3 + 29

DENIED TIME

: 0 + 13 Mins.

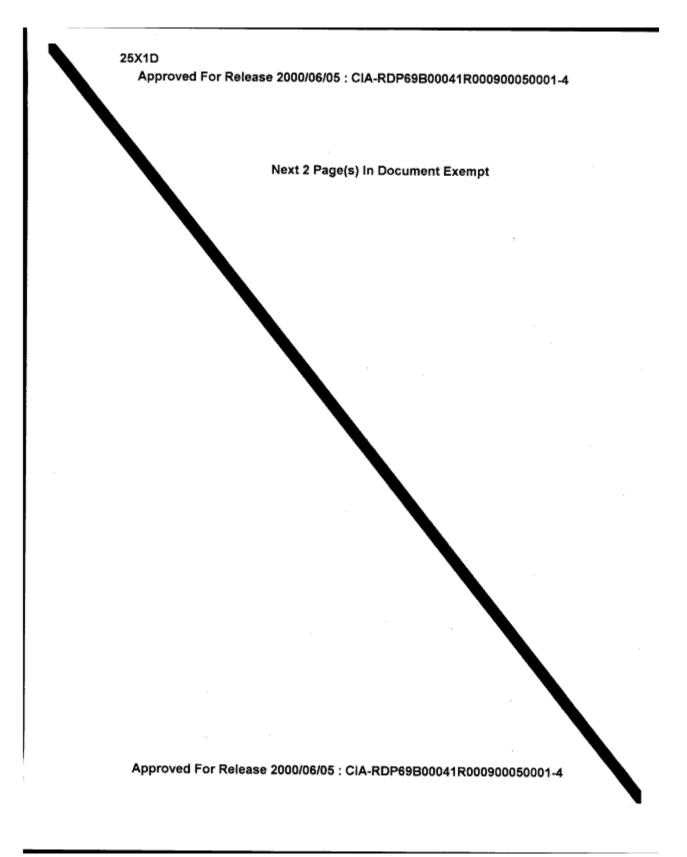
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This OXCART mission as planned herein is approved.

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