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29 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of Mission C058C

1. General: Mission C058C was alerted on 14 March 1968. This was a round robin mission with launch and recovery from [redacted] on 16 March 1968. Mission pilot was [redacted]

Preplanned Mission Data:

Distance	1694 NM
Time to Landing	4+40 Hours
Mission Profile	Maximum Altitude
Take-off Fuel	1020 Gallons
Fuel Reserve at Hi Cone	150 Gallons

Targets: The route for this mission was planned to obtain photo coverage of high priority COMIREX targets in South China and along the Sino-DRV border. Based on the tracker readout, the pilot was 6 nautical miles right at the end of the third flight line. He overshot the turn and that along with increased cloud cover contributed to a track average of 5 nautical miles right on the fourth flight line. Due to Oscar Sierra Mark III activity up to this point, the pilot elected to avoid the Mengtzu area which eliminated flight lines 5 and 6. He attempted to resume course on flight line 7 but ended up flying this one from 5 to 7 nautical miles to the left. The remainder of the route was covered by clouds until entry into North Vietnam and Laos. The last flight line was flown successfully.

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2. Actual Mission Data: Take off was at [] as scheduled. Landing time was [] for a mission duration of 4+32.

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a. Target Coverage:

(1) 26 COMIREX targets (11 priority I, 3 priority II and 12 other priority) were covered in China. Vietnam coverage included one priority I and one other priority. In Laos, two COMIREX targets were photographed. Photography of 30 COMIREX targets was obtained on this mission.

(2) In addition to coverage of COMIREX targets above, 58 bonus targets were photographed, for a grand total of 88 targets for mission C058C.

b. Weather in the target area was not as briefed. The forecast called for 1/8 to 4/8 cloud cover over the entire route. Actual weather encountered was as forecast on the western part of the route and to the north of Hengtzu and on the return from across the northern portion of North Vietnam []. Remaining weather over the area of interest varied between 4/8 and 8/8 undercast.

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3. Air Defense Reactions (ChiCom):

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(1) The first sighting was a contrail estimated two or three miles behind the mission aircraft and 6 000 to 8 000 feet below. No overt action was taken nor was the actual aircraft seen. This occurred approximately 50 NM north of Mengtzu.

(2) The only other fighter observed was identified as a MIG-21 which was first observed as a contrail at the four o'clock position, 10 to 15 miles behind and closing at a 15 degree angle. It was momentarily lost when it passed through the contrail level and then picked up approximately 3 miles off to the right and 1,000 feet above

X1D A left turn was made by the bogey after passing the Article by one or two miles and then it started a descent. No evasive action was taken. No hostile action was taken by the fighter. This fighter reaction took place about 50 NM south of Mengtzu while the Article was westbound along the Sino-DRV border.

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6. Photo Analysis: Of the 88 targets photographed, 21 were rated good, 39 fair and the remaining 28 as poor. The IPIR submitted by [redacted] considered the overall quality as good with 60% cloud cover. Degradation of the quality was attributed to obliquity, haze and/or cloud coverage. No camera discrepancies were reported.

7. Maintenance: Article 385 was flown on this mission. There were no aircraft general or flight instrument discrepancies.

8. Communication: Radio and nav aids operation was satisfactory. [redacted] was loud and clear but weak and unreadable on many of the signals [redacted]

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Attachments - 2
Route Overlay
Target Coverage

IDEA/OS [redacted] ea (29 Mar 68)
Distrib [redacted]

- #1 - D/SA
- 2 - D/O/OSA
- 3 - SSD/R&D/OSA
- 4 - INTEL/OSA
- 5 - D/W/OSA
- 6 - IDEA/OSA
- 7 - RB/OSA
- 8 - Holdback

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TARGET SUMMARY FOR C058C

CHINA TARGETS

19 of 23 Programmed Targets covered
11 Priority I Targets covered
3 Priority II Targets covered
12 Other Priority Targets covered
50 Bonus Targets covered
0 SAM Sites covered
76 Total Targets covered

NORTH VIETNAM TARGETS

2 of 4 Programmed Targets covered
1 of 9 SSM targets covered
1 of 20 Priority I Targets covered
0 of 6 Priority II Targets covered
1 of 30 Other Priority Targets covered
3 of 56 North Vietnam Targets covered
7 Bonus Targets covered
0 SAM Sites covered (New; Occupied; ID only)
9 Total Targets covered

LAOS TARGETS

2 COMIREX Targets covered
1 Bonus Targets covered
3 Total Targets covered

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TARGET BREAKDOWN AND ITEMS OF INTEREST OBSERVED
ON IDEALIST MISSION C058C

5 AIRFIELDS
28 MILITARY AREAS
3 INDUSTRIES
9 BRIDGES
5 COMPLEXES
9 STORAGE AREAS
3 RAILROAD FACILITIES
6 RADAR SITES
2 HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS
3 NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION SITES

898 TRUCKS
82 ROLLING STOCK (RR)
2 MIG-21
41 MIG-15/17/19
15 ANTI-AIRCRAFT PIECES
2 UTILITY AIRCRAFT

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TARGET COVERAGE FOR IDEALIST MISSION, C058C, 15 March 1968

CHINA TARGETS

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MIREX NO.	INSTALLATION NAME (Pr.1)	PRO-GRAMMED	INTERPRET-ABILITY	REMARKS/WEATHER
	Meng Tzu Airfield, West	X	poor	clear
	Ping Yuan Chieh Airfield	X	good	scattered clouds
	Ching Hung Complex		poor	haze
	Kai Yuan - Hq 13th Army	X	fair	haze
	Kai Yuan Military Storage Area	X	poor	haze
	Ma Li Po Supply Depot	X	poor	scattered clouds
	Meng La Army Barracks, West	X	poor	haze
	Meng Tzu Army Barracks, South	X	poor	clear
	Mi Hu Army Barracks Complex	X	fair	clear
	Po Hsi Chieh Army Barracks	X	fair	clear
	Wen Shan Army Barracks, West	X	fair	clear
	Ho Kou Military Camp 25X1A	X		not covered
	(Priority II)			
	Kun-Ming/Wu-Chia-Pa A/F		poor	haze
	Chiang-Cheng Military Installation	X	fair	clear
	Niu Wo Pai Motor Parks	X	poor	haze
	Tsa-Ti-Pao Road Improvement	X		not covered
	Wu-Pu-Chieh Road Construction	X		not covered
	Ssu Mao to Meng Tzu Road U/C	X		not covered
	(Other Priority)			
		25X2	poor	clear
	Meng Pan Military Camp	X	poor	haze
	Meng Ni and Barracks, East	X	poor	haze
	Meng Tzu Military Activity	X	poor	haze
	Chin Ping Supply Depot N.W.	X	good	clear
	Wen Shan Supply Depot	X	fair	clear
	Yen-Shan Military Bks. and Stor. Area	X	fair	clear
	Chi Chieh Storage Depot		poor	haze
	Ta Tien Shan Ammo Depot N.W.		fair	scattered clouds
	Wen Shan Complex	X	fair	clear
	Kun-Ming Complex		poor	haze
	Kun-Ming Nuclear Storage Search		poor	haze

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CHINA TARGETS, continued

COORDINATES	INSTALLATION NAME	INTERPRET- ABILITY	REMARKS/WEATHER
	BONUS TARGETS, non-COMIREX		
2320N10410E	Aircraft in flight	poor	scattered clouds
2430N10240E	Aircraft in flight	fair	clear
2322N10307E	Aircraft in flight	poor	clear
2339N10423E	Truck Convoy	fair	scattered clouds
2418N10325E	Vehicle activity	fair	clear
2356N10311E	Rolling stock activity	fair	clear
2335N10251E	Vehicle activity	fair	clear
2413N10317E	Vehicle activity	fair	haze
2346N10357E	Truck Convoy	fair	clear
2300N10322E	Parked Trucks	poor	haze
2420N10326E	Vehicle activity	fair	haze
2301N10323E	Parked Trucks/Vehicles	poor	haze
2337N10421E	Truck Convoy	good	scattered clouds
2330N10416E	Truck Convoy	fair	scattered clouds
2337N10249E	Chien-Shui Vehicle Park/Maint. New	fair	haze
2247N10242E	Tung-Pei Highway Bridge (New)	good	clear
2338N10250E	Chien-Shui Warehouse area (new)	fair	clear
2338N10250E	Chien-Shui Storage Area (new)	fair	clear
2246N10313E	Chin Ping Army Barracks, South	good	clear
2322N10309E	Ko Chiu Government Control Center	fair	clear
2245N10314E	Chin Ping Radar Site NEW	good	clear
2130N10133E	Meng La Barracks N.W. (New)	poor	haze
2130N10133E	Meng La Barracks and Storage Area (new)	poor	haze
2238N10351E	Nan-Chi RR Yard (new)	fair	clear
2400N10338E	Chiang Pien Chieh HPP	good	clear
2124N10122E	Meng Peng HPP (New)	fair	clear
2245N10150E	Ching Cheng Possible radar site	good	clear
2125N10120E	Meng Peng Highway Bridge S.E.	fair	clear
2425N10326E	Mi-Lo Storage Area (new)	fair	haze
2335N10330E	Aircraft in flight	good	clear
2300N10400E	Aircraft in flight	poor	clear
2335N10420E	Yen-Shan Possible AW Radar Facility	fair	clear
2131N10130E	Meng-La AW Radar Facility (New)	fair	clear

NORTH VIETNAM TARGETS

IREX NO.	INSTALLATION NAME	PRO-GRAMMED	INTERPRET-ABILITY	REMARKS/WEATHER
1A	(PRIORITY I)			
	Lai Chau Complex	X		not covered
	Dien Bien Phu Complex	X		not covered
	Lao Kay Complex	X	poor	heavy clouds
	(PRIORITY II)			
X1A	(PRIORITY III)			
	Ha Giang Military Area	X	poor	scattered clouds
	BONUS TARGETS (non-COMIREX)			
26N 342E	Trucks (13)		fair	clear
30N 321E	Vehicles (24 Cargo Trucks)		fair	clear
17N 340E	Vehicle activity (35 Cargo Trucks)		good	clear
36N 310E	Ban Nam Ocum Highway Bridge S.E.		good	clear
44N 441E	Road Construction		fair	scattered clouds
17N 341E	Road Construction/Improvement		fair	clear
36N 341E	Coc Phong Highway Bridge South		good	clear
1	LAOS TARGETS			
	Muong Ou Neua Airfield		fair	clear
	Boun Neua Army Barracks		poor	haze
24N 113E	Meng Jun Military Areas (New)		poor	haze