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- A. BX68 58
- B. MISSION ALERT MSG.
- C. 6 MAY 68 0100 Z. (SEE COMMENTS PARA 4)

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E. NORTH KOREA.

25X1 F. TYPE I CAMERA, []

- G. BACK-UP AIRCRAFT REQUIRED. SAME EQUIPMENT AS PARA F.
- H. DTFC TO LAUNCH BACK-UP ACFT AT APPROX 0200 Z 6 MAY
IN EVENT PRIMARY ACFT GROUND/AIR ABORTS. ~~TAKE OFF TIMES~~
~~PRIMARY/BACK UP A/C MAY BE ADJUSTED AS APPROPRIATE TO~~

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~~WITH STRIKE GROUPS~~. THIS ALERT FOR ~~CUSTOM~~ BLACK SHIELD *FIRST TWO PASSES* 8X68:

ROUTE. A-50 ADDITIVE WILL NOT BE USED ON THIS MISSION. 25X1

THIS MISSION WILL UTILIZE [Redacted] ALFAAR #1: [Redacted] 25X1

25X1 [Redacted] BRAVO AR #2. TAKE WILL BE PROCESSED AT
25X1 [Redacted] WEATHER SCOUT SUPPORT TO
BE PROVIDED BY TTF.
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FOR DR. FLAX/GEN BERG

SUBJECT: OXCART MISSION DATA

1. THE FOLLOWING DATA SUBMITTED FOR BX6858

- A. DATE SCHEDULED: 6 MAY 68
- B. DATE FLOWN: 6 MAY 68
- C. MISSION COMPLETED AS PLANNED: YES
- D. MISSION ABORT: N/A
- E. MISSION CANCELLATION: N/A
- F. MISSION RECALLED: N/A
- G. PRECAUTIONARY LANDING: N/A

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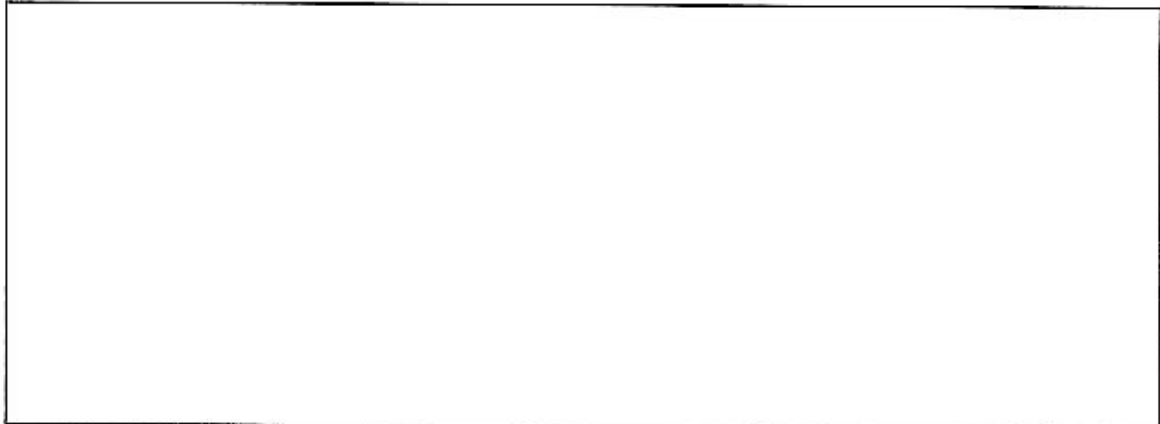
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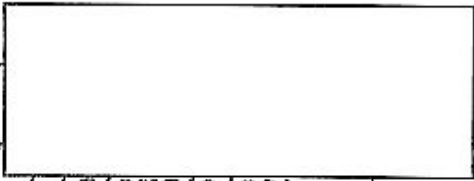
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K. REMARKS: NONE

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TARGET COVERAGE SUMMARY
FOR BX 6858, 5 May 1968
(KORRA)

NORTH KOREAN TARGETS

68 or 125 COMIREX targets
66 of 77 programmed targets
30 bonus targets (non-COMIREX)

SA-2 SITES

3 Occupied
1 Unoccupied
11 ID Only
1 SAM support facility*

(ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED FROM ABOVE COMIREX TARGETS:)

4 of 17 North Korean Airfields	9 Merchant ships
33 MIG-15/17	7 Unidentified small craft
1 Patrol craft	
1 Sub	

BONUS TARGETS - NORTH KOREA

1 Port	1 Cruise Missile Site
3 Airfields	1 POL Storage facilities
16 Military installations	1 Complex
3 Bridges	4 Railroad Facilities

30 TOTAL



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IMMEDIATE WECEN

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ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO A VERY SUCCESSFUL MISSION. THE PILOT REPORTED CAT 1 ON BOTH PASSES WITH MODERATE HAZE. APPARENTLY THE THIN CIRRUS [Redacted] WAS TRANSPARENT. THANKS FOR A VERY FINE FORECAST CALLED WELL IN ADVANCE. YOUR FINE SUPPORT FROM BEGINNING ALERT UNTIL COMPLETION OF MISSION IS APPRECIATED. WHEN TAKE IS EVALUATED, WILL ADVISE OF [Redacted] CLOUD CONDITIONS.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission Number BX6858

1. Mission critique was conducted in the OSA Control Center at 1500 hours, 10 May 1968.

2. Mission Data:

- a. Mission Number: BX6858
- b. Date Flown: 6 May 1968
- c. Area of Operation: North Korea
- d. Mission Success: Successful
- e. Pilot's Name: [Redacted]
- f. Aircraft Number: 127
- g. Primary or Spare Flown: Primary
- h. Takeoff Time - Planned: 0100Z
Actual: 0100Z
- i. Landing Time - Planned: 0428Z
Actual: 0430Z
- j. Time Enroute - Planned: 3+28
Actual: 3+30
- k. Departure Base: Kadena AB
- l. Landing Base: Kadena AB
- m. Equipment:

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(1) Primary: TYPE I, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

(2) Spare: Same as primary.

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3. Operations:

a. Mission Generation & Operational Support: Satisfactory

b. Plans: Route (Actual vs. Planned): Satisfactory

- (1) Total INS Nav Time: 4+06 Hours
- (2) INS Terminal Error: 9.7 Nautical Miles
- (3) INS Spec. Error: 8.9 Nautical Miles

c. Tactics (Planned vs. Actual): As briefed.

4. Weather:

a. Forecast vs. Actual: Worse than briefed.

b. Observed Cloud Condition:

(1) Pilot reported CAT I conditions on both passes with heavy haze over entire area.

(2) Photography: [Redacted] reported 20% cloud on first pass and 30% on second pass. Overall degradation was 50% due to clouds and haze.

c. Comments: Weather was worse than briefed due to haze condition which may have been intensified by thin cirrus clouds.

5. Material:

a. Aircraft General: Satisfactory

(1) Comments: Left windshield glazed inflight. Windshield has been replaced. [Redacted]

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b. Aircraft Systems: Satisfactory

(1) Comments: INS had excessive terminal error. System has been replaced.

(2) Resolution: Poor on photography effected by atmospherics. Estimated 18 to 20 inch resolution on non-effected photos.

(3) Camera Operation: Normal. SC & DM indicated camera in caged position during second pass over denied. Indication was false and wiring between camera and SC & DM recorder is being investigated to determine signal source.

6. Intelligence:

a. Target Coverage:

(1) 66 of 77 programmed targets covered.

(2) 3 SSM targets covered.

(3) 68 of 125 COMIREX targets covered.

(4) 15 SAM sites, 3 occupied, 1 unoccupied, 11 ID only.

(5) 30 bonus targets.

(6) Comments: The mission obtained poor to fair quality photography of the southern two-fifths of North Korea. Scattered clouds and haze affected approximately 50% of the photography.

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c. Significant Findings: None

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e. Take Movement:

(1) Photography: Satisfactory

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(3) Comments: The original negative was delayed at Andrews AFB in the movement to [Redacted] due to maintenance

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[Redacted] The film was rescheduled on a commercial flight and delivered to [Redacted] 8 May 1968 at 2250Z.

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7. Communications:

a. Message Traffic: Satisfactory

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b. [Redacted]

c. UHF/HF Commo: Satisfactory

8. Significant Actions Taken:

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Confidence flight accomplished on aircraft 127, 15 May 1968, to verify INS, camera caging [Redacted] systems operation. All systems operated normally except SC&DM tape - continued to reflect a false camera caged condition. Camera and SC&DM systems are being investigated to determine signal source.

9. Outstanding Actions Required:

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JRC FOR COL STEVENS OR CAPT STEWART

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL SUMMARY OF BLACK SHIELD MISSION BX6958 FLOWN 6 MAY 68.

2. TAKE-OFF WAS ON TIME AND MISSION WAS FLOWN AS BRIEFED WITH NORMAL RECOVERY AT KADENA AB.

3. THERE WERE NO COMMUNICATIONS OR AIR SPACE RESERVATION PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING THE MISSION. SUPPORT BY PARTICIPATING COMMANDS WAS AS REQUESTED. NO PROBLEMS

APPARENT AT THIS TIME. ~~ESTIMATE~~ ESTIMATE WEATHER 98% CLOUD FREE. MISSION SUCCESS 100%.

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