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1 March 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA  
ATTENTION: Chief, Special Action Staff, Operations, OSA  
SUBJECT: OXCART Monthly Operational Summary and Status Report for Period 1-29 February 1968

1. Overflight Summary (PINWHEEL):

a. Two A-12 operational missions were flown during the month of February. Both missions were launched from and recovered at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

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(1) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the north central area with one pass over the DMZ. Total flight time was 3:54. [redacted]

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No target coverage was obtained due 95 percent cloud cover in areas of interest.

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(2) [redacted] and accomplished two passes over North Korea. Total flight time was 3:39. The mission obtained good coverage of the southern two-fifths of North Korea. Haze and snow cover hampered interpretation in the mountainous area. [redacted]

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[redacted] A total of 11 SAM sites covered; 8 occupied; 2 for identification only. Eighty-eight bonus targets were covered. One SSM target was covered. Four new SAM sites were uncovered on this mission bringing new North Korea total SAMs to eighteen.

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2. Project Pilot Inventory:

Six Project pilots are currently operationally ready. Two pilots are at Kadena Air Base [redacted]

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3. A-12 Aircraft:

a. Following five aircraft [redacted]

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(1) Aircraft 121 (flight test); Aircraft 128, 132 and 124 (trainer).

(2) Aircraft 130 was placed in storage [redacted] on 26 February 1968.

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b. Aircraft 127, 129 and 131 are at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

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5 February 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA

ATTENTION: Chief, Special Action Staff, Operations, OSA

SUBJECT: OXCART Monthly Operational Summary and  
Status Report for Period 1-31 January 1968

1. Overflight Summary (PINWHEEL):

a. Three A-12 operational missions were flown during the month of January. All missions were launched from and recovered at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

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(1) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the north central area. Total flight time was 3:57. [redacted]

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[redacted] A total of 139 SAM sites covered; 12 occupied; no new sites identified. Eight of the nine priority SSM targets were covered.

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(2) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the north eastern and north central areas. Total flight time was 4:09. [redacted]

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[redacted] A total of 182 SAM sites covered; 16 occupied; one new site identified. Seven of the nine priority SSM targets were covered.

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(3) [redacted] and accomplished three passes over North Korea. Total flight time was 4:00.

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[redacted] A total of 13 SAM sites covered; 12 occupied. Good coverage was obtained of both North Korean and ROK military installations/forces, activity along the DMZ and large portions of the transportation system and industrial base. The U.S.S. Pueblo was located anchored in an inlet in Wonsan Bay. Overall photographic quality was excellent and 90 percent of the areas covered were cloud-free.

2. Project Pilot Inventory:

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Six Project pilots are currently operationally-ready. Two pilots are at Kadena Air Base [redacted]

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3. A-12 Aircraft:

a. Following five aircraft [redacted] Aircraft 121 (flight test); Aircraft 128, 130, 132 and 124 (trainer).

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b. Aircraft 127, 129 and 131 are at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

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4 December 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA

ATTENTION: Chief, Special Action Staff, Operations, OSA

SUBJECT: OXCART Monthly Operational Summary  
and Status Report for Period 1-30 Nov 67

1. Overflight Summary (PINWHEEL):

There were no A-12 operational missions flown during the month of November.

2. Project Pilot Inventory:

Six Project pilots are currently operationally ready. Two pilots are at Kadena Air Base [Redacted]

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3. A-12 Aircraft:

a. Following five aircraft [Redacted] Aircraft 121 (flight test); Aircraft 128, 130, 132 and 124 (trainer).

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b. Aircraft 127, 129 and 131 are at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

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13 November 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA  
ATTENTION: Chief, Special Action Staff, Operations, OSA  
SUBJECT: OXCART Monthly Operational Summary  
and Status Report for Period 1-31 Oct 67

1. Contingency Planning (SKYLARK): No change.
2. Overflight Summary (PINWHEEL):

a. Seven A-12 operational missions were flown during the month of October. All missions were launched from Kadena Air Base. All missions, [redacted] recovered at Kadena AB.

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[redacted]  
subsequently recovered Kadena AB without incident.

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(1) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the north central area. Total flight time was 4:09.

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A total of 144 SAM sites covered; 18 occupied; one new site identified. Six of the nine first priority SSM targets were covered.

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(2) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the north east area. Total flight time was 2:15. Pilot elected to make a precautionary landing [redacted] after one pass over denied due to low oil pressure indication on right engine. [redacted]

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A total of ten SAM sites covered; none occupied; no new sites. One of the nine first priority SSM targets was covered. Aircraft recovered to Kadena Air Base [redacted]

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(3) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the south central and north western areas with two passes over the DMZ. Total flight time was 3:41. [redacted]

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[redacted] A total of seven SAM sites covered; none occupied; one new site identified. None of the nine first priority SSM targets were covered.

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(4) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the north central area. Total flight time was 4:01. [redacted]

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[redacted] A total of 153 SAM sites covered; 16 occupied; one new site identified. Eight of the nine first priority SSM targets were covered.

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(5) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the north central area. Total flight time was 3:49. This mission was supported by Kadena Air Base tankers operating from Clark Air Base. The tankers had evacuated to Clark AB due to typhoon Dinah. [redacted]

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[redacted] A total of 135 SAM sites covered; 14 sites occupied; one new site identified. All of the nine first priority SSM targets were covered.

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(6) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the south central, north central and north west areas with one pass over the DMZ. Total flight time was 3:56.

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[redacted] A total of 65 SAM sites covered; one site occupied; one new site identified. Three of the nine first priority SSM targets were covered.

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(7) [redacted] against North Vietnam targets in the north central area. Total flight time was 3:44.

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A total of 90 SAM sites covered; thirteen sites occupied; one new site identified. Six of the nine first priority SSM targets were covered.

3. Project Pilot Inventory:

Six Project pilots are currently operationally ready. Two pilots are at Kadena Air Base [redacted]

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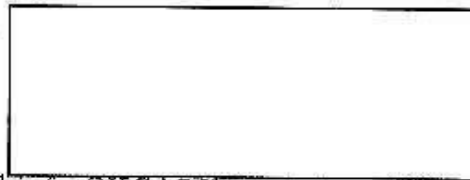
4. A-12 Aircraft:

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a. Following five aircraft [redacted] Aircraft 121 (flight test); Aircraft 128, 130, 132 and 124 (trainer), Project Detachment.

b. Aircraft 127, 129 and 131 are at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.

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