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

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BX6728 TARGET COVERAGE

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

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2ND PASS



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7 COMIREX
TARGETS
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5 COMIREX
TARGETS
0#1

*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.

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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 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 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.
ENTRY ALTITUDE : ██████████ 25X1D
SPEED : ██████████ 25X1D
TAKE OFF : 0150Z 15 October 1967
2150 Washington Time, 14 October 1967

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