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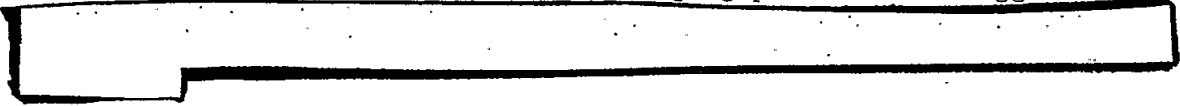
MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Requirement for a Second BLACK SHIELD Mission Over North Korea

1. CINCPAC and the Defense Intelligence Agency have conducted independent assessments of photography acquired by BX Mission 6847, flown over North Korea on 26 January. From these assessments, it has been determined that while much valuable photography and information were obtained, major deficiencies in our intelligence holdings still remain in the following target categories:

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a. Jet Capable Airfields: Current overhead photography is still required of seven major jet capable airfields in North Korea. Included is the important IL-28 bomber base at Uiju which is the normal operating base for a majority of these aircraft. Of 80 IL-28's currently estimated in the North Korean inventory, only 12 were located by the 26 January mission. The seriousness of this coverage gap was further aggravated



b. Naval Order of Battle: Coverage was not acquired of the naval facility at Mayang Do which normally serves the North Korean submarine fleet, nor was coverage obtained of several key naval bases in north-eastern Korea. The requirement for current naval OB information was emphasized by the identification of three additional KOMOR Class guided missile patrol boats on the recent BX mission. These boats, which were observed at Wonsan, increased our estimate of their holdings to seven. Coverage of the important naval bases in the northeast, therefore, is required to insure our awareness of any important changes to North Korean naval OB in that area.

c. Ground Force Activity: Additional high resolution photography of the areas covered by the 26 January mission is essential to our continued military awareness of significant changes to ground force OB and related installations and activities. In addition, reconnaissance coverage of the North Korean border area adjacent China as well as most of the north-eastern segment of North Korea is still required to establish a high resolution data base by which to measure military activities in these areas.

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