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USIB Agenda Item (Executive Session), 6 June 1958, SSA Interia Report on Impact of Loss of the PUESIO

- TEPPERACES: (a) CIA Memo to DIRNSA, dtd 17 May 68, same subject as above
 - (b) D12 Memo to ADH, ADP, 2td 23 Hay 68, same subject as above
 - 1. The following information is provided for possible use by the Director at the forthcoming Board secting. It is arranged in two parts: first, observations on the specific documents contained in the D/DCI letter; and second, responses to the points contained in paragraph 3 of the D12 memo.

2. Specific Documents Mentioned in the D/DCI Letter: The documents	
mentioned are SICh's (Specific Intelligence Collection Lequirements).	
("Soviet Missile Operations, Launches, and Related	
Activities", "CHICON Communications Systems", and "CHICON Activity");	
Hone of the SICH's were given to the AUBLO by HEA or	
its field offices. We feel that there is reason to question their provision	
to any collection facility, since they are useless to a collection effort until	
ofter they have been translated into technical specifics.	
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3. Responses to Points in the E12 Nemo:

s. Haterials and Equipments Provided by MEA or its Components:

The selection of reference materials for the FUERIC was made by analytic elements of RSA, and by _______, on the basis of the six-month schedule of the FUERIC's activities. That was announced by CINCPACFIT in December 1967; nowever, it had been known here earlier, and a collection was made of Working Aids, COMINT Technical Reports and manuals which would be useful to the members of the SIGINT detechment aboard. These materials, as in the past, were given to the Assistant Director, Haval Recurity Group, for forwarding to the PUERIC's point of embarkation. As a basis for selecting specific reference materials, the analysts drew on their past experience in working on the results of shipborne collection, their knowledge of desired targets, and their discussions with SIGINT detachment personnel.

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b. Corrective Measures Being Taken to Limit Suture Demages:

On 31 January 1968, DIRNEA sent a message to the three SCA's and their respective field beadquarters, requesting an immediate inventory of all SIGIST documents for all Mobile Platforms. The message said, in part: "Request you insure that technical material carried on board a SIGIST platform continue to be limited to that considered absolutely essential to the accomplishment of the particular SIGIST mission. Documents not essential to mission, but which might be useful on subsequent missions, should be retained for issue to platforms as required." The SCA's were quick to comply.

c. Procedures Applicable to Exposed Flatforms or Units Which Hold

In March of this year, MSA expressed concern (to the three SCA's and CMC) over EIGHNF holdings in exposed areas, and asked for information on "... inventory controls in effect at DSU's".

ISG and CSC responded on 24 April with positive information. They stated that the unit in Da Hang, South Vietnem, held a minimum amount of Category II material, and was complying with pertinent directives.

ASA responded on 17 May, but did not provide positive information. They reviewed general security procedures, but did state that DSU's held a minimum emount of Category II material, and destroyed items as soon as their usefulness was over; thus, their holdings did not grow.

AFES is smalting a reply from their Pacific headquarters, before answering our request.

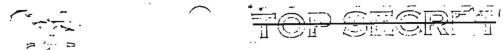
d. Planning Actions to Lessen Puture Losses:

Two draft changes to pertinent MISSO documents are now being coordinated with the SCA's. These will require the forwarding of inventories from all SCA sites; the information will be in machineable form, and will be processed at MSA. Thus, MSA should be in a position to know, at any time, what SIGINT and SIGINT-related materials are held by a site (exposed or not).

4. The past concept for AGER operations has allowed for diversion of any mission to cover short-notice, higher-priority requirements. To ensure proper technical support for such eventualities, which would very likely preclude a return to port, support materials had to be available at the commencement of a

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Support" (new Annex requiring inventory
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long schedule. It is apparent that such diversion of a shipborne platform vill, from now on, be greatly curtailed by adherence to NGA's guidance to the SCA's on limiting SIGHT holdings aboard such a platform.

5. Perh	me a fact not	generally kn	own, is that	the Hevy has	provided
armed escort	ships for some	of the more	sensitive TRS	operations	since the
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M/R: D12, in a memo of 23 May 68 to ADM and ADP, referred to MSA's report to USIB containing an assessment of the loss of the USS PUEBLO. That report, presented to the Board on 13 May, prompted the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence to request that the matter of the PUEBLO be considered by the Board at its 23 May meeting. (The meeting was subsequently rescheduled to 6 June.) In addition, the D/DCI sent a personal letter to the Director, NSA, in which he posed several questions. The D12 memo of 23 May saked for information which the Director felt he would need in order to answer those questions, and to use in discussing the matter at the 6 June USIB meeting.

Statements were solicited from AO5, BO4, and Kl2; they were incorporated into an answering memo from ADP to D12.

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