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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence
The Joint Staff

SUBJECT : Urgent Requirements Relating to Possible Expanded Chinese Communist Participation in Indochina

1. I would like to express CIA's appreciation for being given an opportunity earlier this month to suggest certain "targets of opportunity" for possible inclusion on the JCS list of photo intelligence targets [redacted]

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2. It is believed, however, that the prompt detection of increased Chinese Communist logistical support to the Viet Minh or intervention with military units in the Indochina war is critically important at this time and that, in addition to the JCS targets, consideration be given to additional key targets (list attached) bearing directly on this problem.

3. In CIA's opinion, it is important that these targets receive photo coverage at short intervals in order that possible movements and concentrations can be quickly detected.

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PHOTO INTELLIGENCE TARGETS

In order to assess accurately the extent of Chinese Communist logistical support for the Viet Minh and Chinese intentions as regards military intervention in Indochina, there is an urgent need for maximum aerial photography of the following targets:

1. Within Indochina, the towns of Tuyen Quang*, Lang Son*, Cao Bang, Laokay* and Thai Nguyen.

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* Suggested Earlier by CIA as "Targets of Opportunity" for Inclusion on JCS List.

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