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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, OWI
Director, OSI

SUBJECT : TACANA Project

REFERENCE : NIO-2414, 14 November 1975

1. The TACANA project has progressed to the point that the actual target selection process should begin. A successful demonstration of significant elements of the capability was conducted several weeks ago. Although several operational aspects remain to be demonstrated, a program to complete the development of this system is now underway.

2. Members of the TACANA Technical Collection Team (TCT) from ORD, OTS, and NPIC will soon brief [redacted] (OWI) and [redacted] (OSI) on the results of tests to date. These two analysts are invited to participate in the TACANA TCT for the purpose of selecting a limited number of actual targets in the Soviet Union. This selection should be based on TACANA's unique capability compared to overhead or ground photography. For your information, the TACANA collection capability is approximately described as follows:

a) One time or recurring coverage of target.

b) Photographic resolution of one inch or better including color.

c) Oblique photography of target.

d) Contiguous frames - during approach to target and possibly beyond.

3. Your assistance in this effort would be appreciated. Please call [redacted] Chairman, TACANA TCT, if you would like any additional information on the project.

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Chairman TACANA TCT

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