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The Tyura Tam Missile Launching Complex was covered by TALENT photography on 9 July 1959. Preliminary examination of small scale material reveals that since 1957 the complex has been expanded. This expansion is characterized primarily by the construction of a major new rail spur, 15 miles in length, and two new rail served areas. One area, probably a launch area, lies at the terminus of the spur and the other somewhat similar in appearance, is situated about midway along its length. Both areas, which measure about one mile square, are typified by considerable earth scarring and activity, and include several short rail spurs and large looping hooks. The new rail spur serving these areas branches northeastward from the main rail line serving Launch Area "A".

Other evidence of expansion includes: (1) the construction of a short rail spur east from the Probable Propellant Production Plant; (2) the enlargement of water handling and distribution facilities; and (3) the improvement of the airfield to include surfacing of the runway.

Most of the older facilities, under construction in 1957, appear completed. These include the personnel housing, the power plant, the propellant production plant, and Area "B" in the Rangehead. The main launch area (Area "A") with the associated pear-shaped pit, completed in 1957, appears intact and unchanged.

Examination of the large scale material may yield additional information.

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