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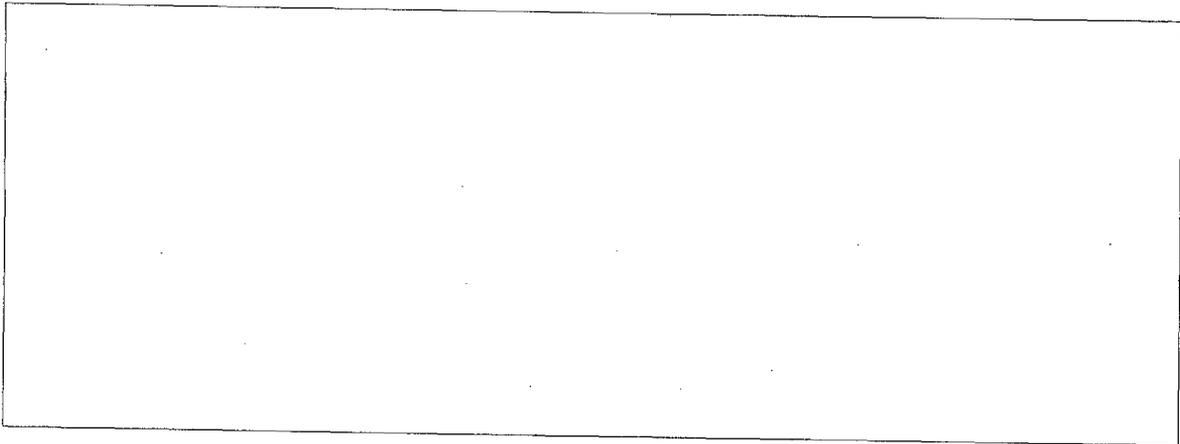
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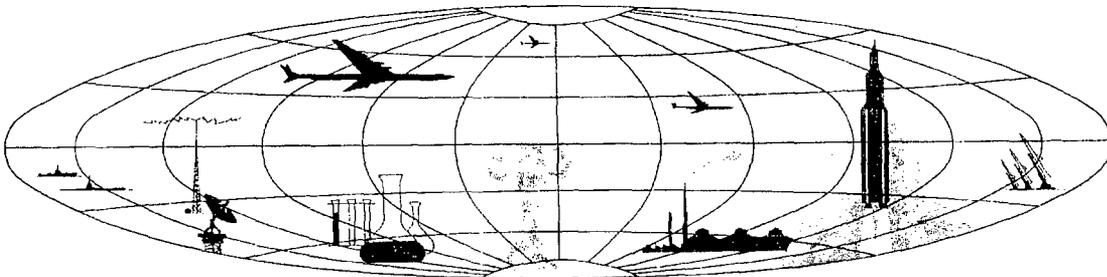


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PREFACE

This report is one in a series on Soviet Ground Force and logistic installations being prepared for a DIA/CIA Panel. The series is being coordinated, published and disseminated by NPIC. The photographic analysis is being performed by the NPIC Photographic Analysis Group, the CIA Photographic Intelligence Division (NPIC), and the Production Center 1P1c (DIA). The photographic analysis for this particular report was performed by the NPIC Photographic Analysis Group.

In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service; (B) road service; (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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VETRINO ARMY BARRACKS POLOTSK SOUTHWEST

(55-24N 28-26E)

VETRINO, VITEBSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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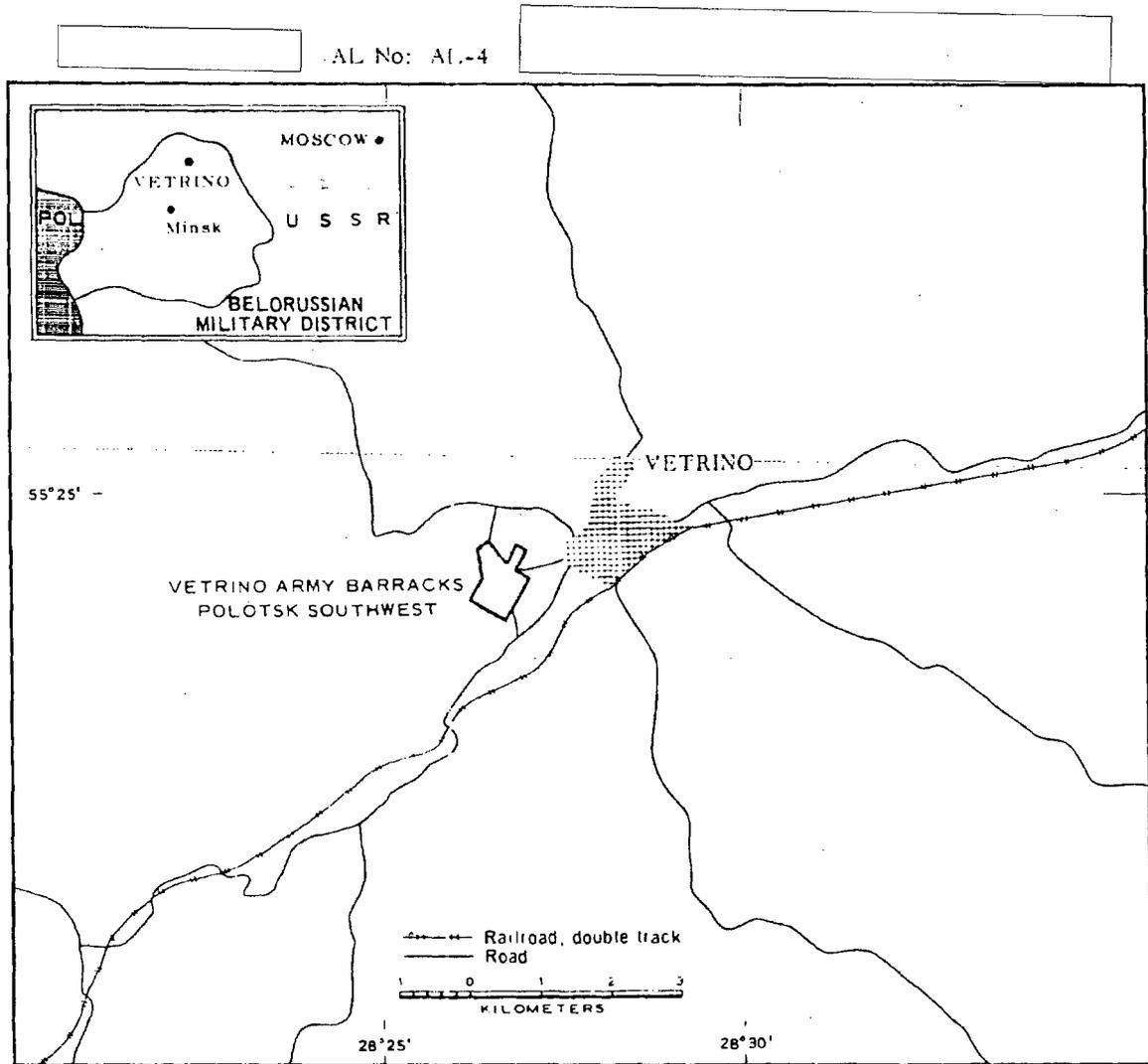


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF VETRINO ARMY BARRACKS POLOTSK SOUTHWEST.

**SUMMARY**

Vetrino Army Barracks Polotsk Southwest is located 24 kilometers (km) southwest of Polotsk (55-29N 28-48E) and 0.7 km west of Vetrino (55-24N 28-28E) on the north side of the Polotsk-Vileyka rail line (Figure 1). The installation is not rail served. Secondary roads provide access to Polotsk via Vetrino. A number of military installations are located in the Polotsk area.

The installation covers approximately 200 acres and contains five barracks, 10 small storage buildings, 13 support buildings and two motor pools with 12 vehicle sheds (Figures 2 and 3). Training facilities include one wheeled-

vehicle driver training course and one athletic field.

The area was covered by eight KEYHOLE missions between December 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals a limited increase in activity between December 1961 and February 1964. A new driver training course and a new athletic field were first observed on August 1963 photography. A moving target range at Pashutino, 3.5 km south, has been abandoned. December 1961 photography revealed an MRBM launch area in the vicinity of the abandoned moving target runs.

**DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION**

**Railroad Service**

The double-track Polotsk-Vileyka rail line passes 4,000 feet south of this installation.

**Road Service**

Secondary roads provide access to Polotsk via Vetrino.

**Administrative and Troop Housing Areas**

Two multistory barracks and five support buildings are located in area D1 (Figure 3).

Three multistory barracks, five support buildings and 10 storage buildings are located in area D2.

Track activity indicates both areas are active.

**Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas**

Nine vehicle sheds with the following dimensions are located in area J1: six 200 by 50 feet,

and three 180 by 50 feet. Three support buildings are also located in the area. This area is a large secured motor pool with evidence of increased track activity prior to 1964.

Area J2, a motor pool located on the west edge of the barracks complex, consists of three 175- by 60-foot vehicle sheds. There is evidence of increased track activity on February 1964 photography.

**Athletic Field**

An athletic field (K) was first observed on September 1963 coverage.

**Driver Training Area**

Area M1 is a 2,200- by 1,000-foot wheeled-vehicle driver training course. February 1964 coverage reveals a marked increase in track activity since prior coverage.

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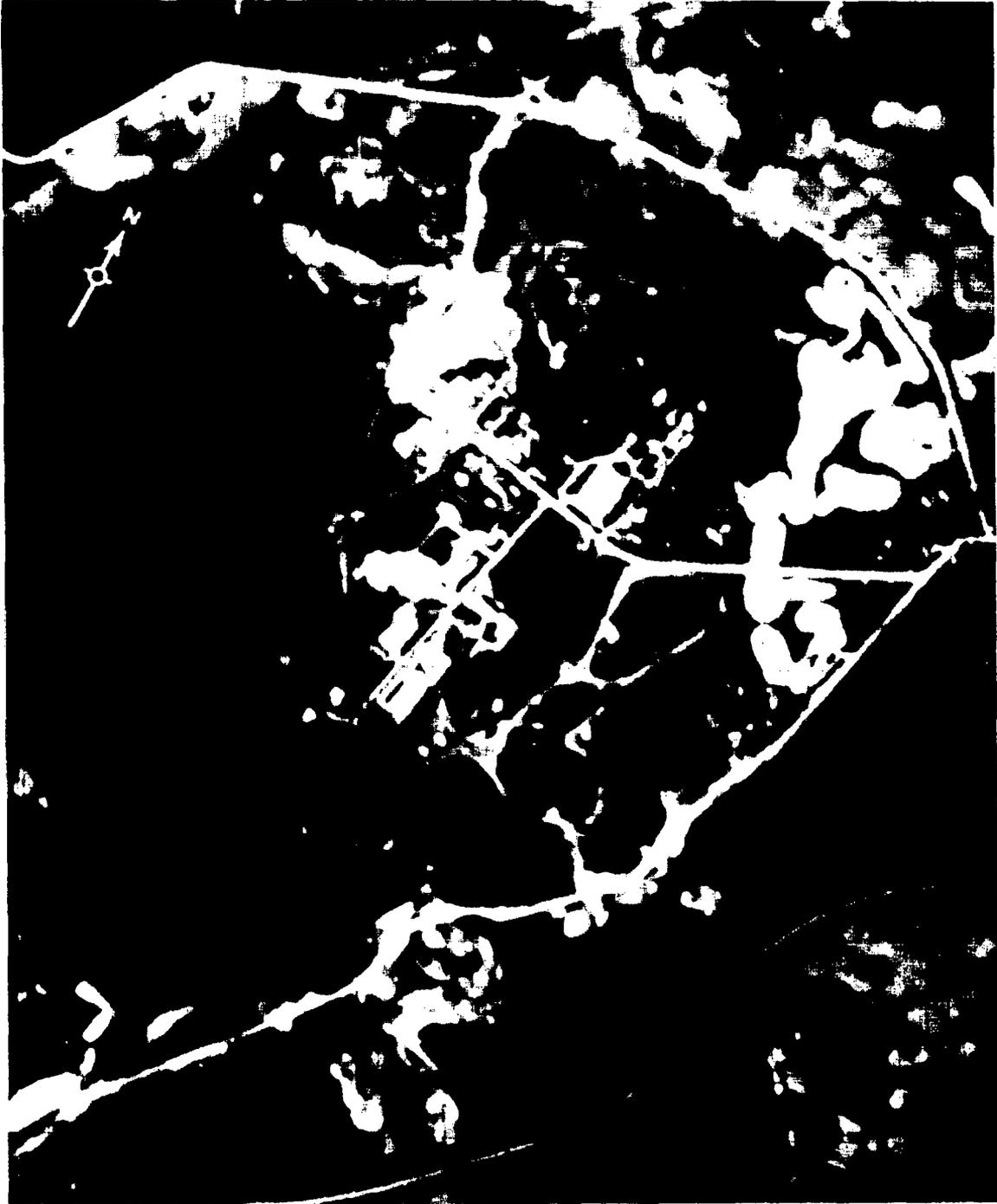


FIGURE 2. VETRINO ARMY BARRACKS POLOTSK SOUTHWEST, AUGUST 1963.

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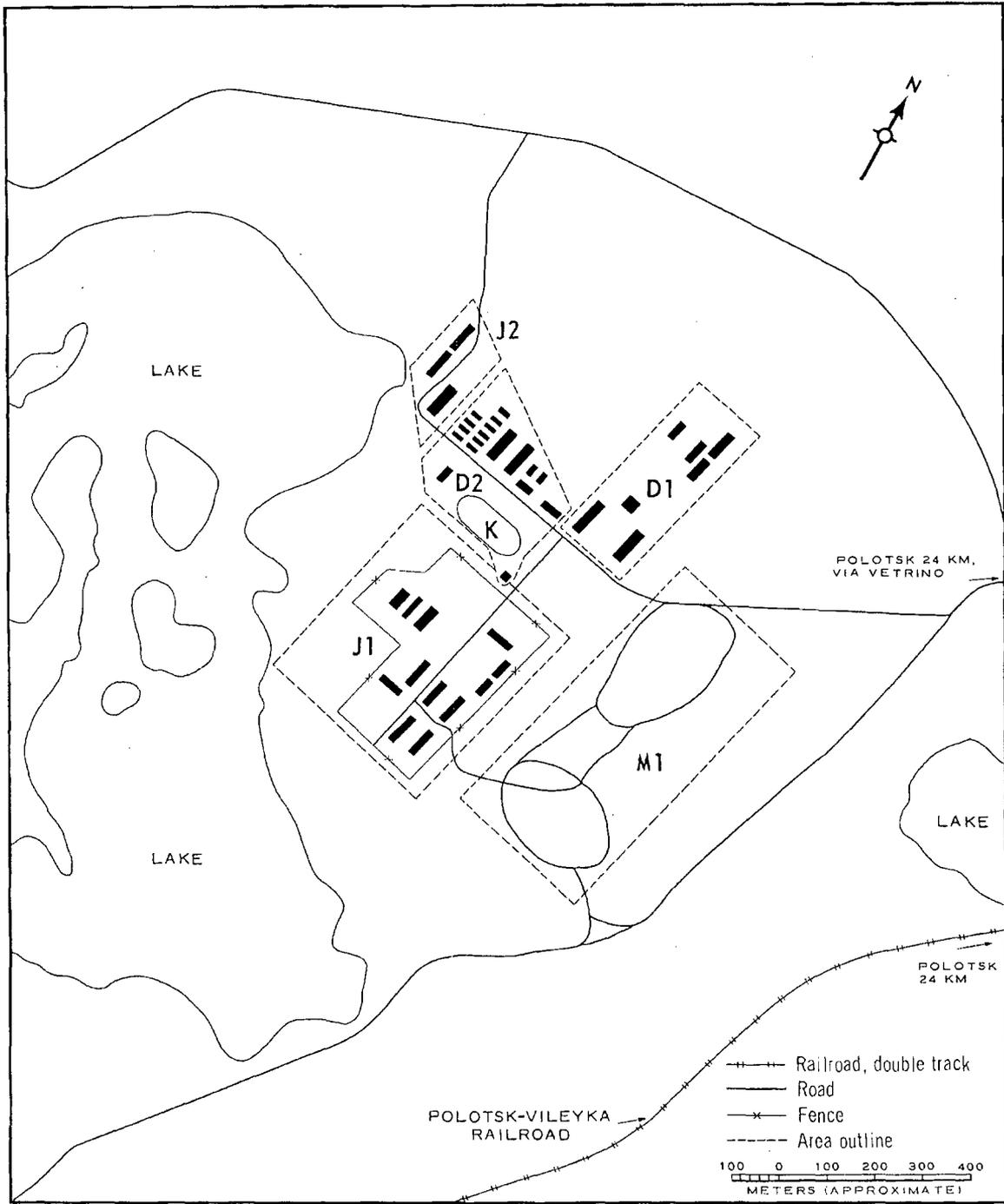
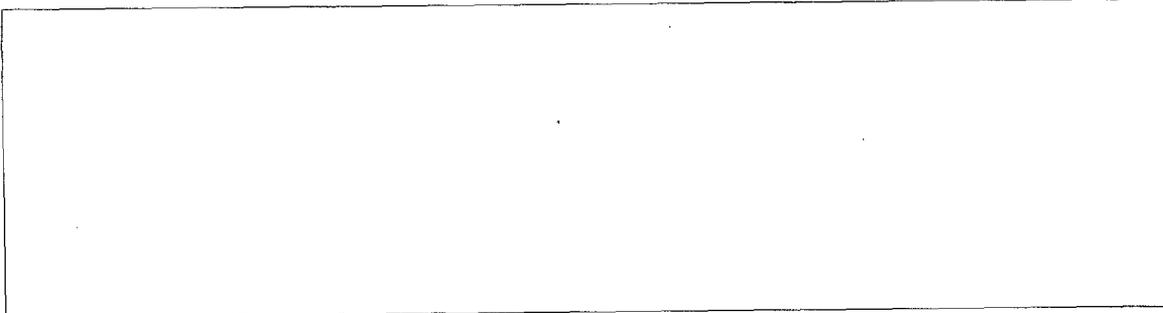


FIGURE 3. VETRINO ARMY BARRACKS POLOTSK SOUTHWEST. Sketch compiled from [redacted] August 1963.

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