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ANALYTICAL EXCHANGE
NORTH KOREA POL

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B. [REDACTED]
1. IN ANSWER TO REF A, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NONE OF THE SEVEN POL FACILITIES ANALYZED IN REF B IS PART OF A REGIONAL POL STORAGE SYSTEM. HENCE THE USE OF "POSSIBLY REGIONAL" IN THE INITIAL ANALYSIS.

2. IT IS FURTHER AGREED THAT STORAGE FACILITIES AT WONSAN [REDACTED] AND PYONGYANG [REDACTED] HAVE SHOWN FLUCTUATION IN NUMBER OF HORIZONTAL TANKS. AT PYONGYANG FACILITY, IMAGED [REDACTED] SHEDS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OVER SIX OF THE EXISTING TANK UNITS, WHICH MAY EXPLAIN DECREASE IN TANK COUNT UNTIL CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED.

3. IT IS FELT THAT FACILITIES CITED AS INACTIVE IN REFERENCE A ARE ACTIVE AND OPERATIONAL.

A. MANPO-UP PPS [REDACTED] FOUR TANK UNITS ARE PARTIALLY EARTH-COVERED AND PROBABLY CONTAIN TANKS. POL RAIL CARS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ON THE SIDING.

B. SINPO PPS [REDACTED] - THREE TANK UNITS ARE EARTH-COVERED AND A FOURTH IS PARTIALLY EARTH-COVERED AND ALL PROBABLY CONTAIN TANKS.

C. PYONGYANG PPS [REDACTED] - AT LEAST TEN HORIZONTAL TANKS WERE OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] (PARAGRAPH 2).

4. NEW STORAGE FACILITY (WONSAN PPS SOUTH [REDACTED]) CITED IN REFERENCE A, WAS IMAGED ON GS 205 AND INTERPRETED TO BE A WATER TREATMENT AND STORAGE FACILITY. INTERPRETATION OF LATER PHOTOGRAPHY DOES NOT WARRANT REACTIVATION OF THIS TARGET AS A POL FACILITY.

5. INITIAL ANALYSIS OF THESE SEVEN FACILITIES IS BASED UPON PRESENCE OF CRADLE UNITS, RAIL SERVICE, AND PUMPING FACILITIES. PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF TANKS WAS NOT JUDGED TO BE A BASIC CONSIDERATION BECAUSE IDENTIFICATION OF THESE AREAS AS POL FACILITIES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE. ABOVE-MENTIONED THREE BASIC SIGNATURES APPEAR TO BE COMMON TO THESE SEVEN AREAS ONLY, HENCE THE LIMITS PLACED ON THE REPORT AND THE TERM "POSSIBLY REGIONAL" TO DISTINGUISH THESE SEVEN FROM ALL OTHER POL FACILITIES IN NORTH KOREA.

6. REFERENCE YOUR PARA 3, IT IS OUR BELIEF ALSO THAT NORTH KOREANS ARE CONSTRUCTING MOST POL FACILITIES PARTIALLY UNDERGROUND BY PLACING HORIZONTAL TANKS IN A TRENCH WHICH IS THEN COVERED WITH EARTH. THESE AREAS APPEAR TO BE VERY HASTILY CONSTRUCTED IN COMPARISON TO THE SEVEN "POSSIBLY REGIONAL" AREAS AND ARE MOSTLY CONFINED TO ROAD-SERVED, LESS ACCESSIBLE AREAS.

7. OF THE 30-PLUS POL FACILITIES CARRIED BY NPIC AS FIRM (INCLUDING MINOR STORAGE AT PORT FACILITIES) ONLY THE FACILITIES AT YONGHYON-DONG RR YARD, [REDACTED], AND THE GREATLY EXPANDED SONGNIM POL STORAGE AREA NW, [REDACTED], ARE MAJOR VERTICAL TANK STORAGE AREAS.

8. IT IS FELT THAT THERE MAY BE SOME ECHELON SYSTEM SEPARATING YONGHYON-DONG AND SONGNIM POL STORAGE AREAS, THE SEVEN RAIL-SERVED PERMANENT CRADLE UNIT AREAS, AND THE MAJORITY OF REMAINING FACILITIES AS CITED IN PARAGRAPH 6. A PLOT OF ALL POL FACILITIES APPEARS TO LEND SUPPORT TO THIS VIEW. GP-1

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