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TWO SEPARATELY SECURED UNIDENTIFIED AREAS AT THE PLESETSK

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TOP SECRET

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic
downgrading and
declassification

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MISSILE AND SPACE CENTER, USSR HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE SIMILAR TO FACILITIES AT KAPUSTIN YAR/VLADIMIROVKA MISSILE TEST CENTER AND TYURATAM MISSILE TEST CENTER. THE AREAS AT PLESETSK ARE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE MAIN HOUSING AND ADMINISTRATION AREA. THE EASTERNMOST AREA IS SIMILAR TO AND APPEARS TO SERVE THE SAME FUNCTION AS THE UNIDENTIFIED AREA IMMEDIATELY NORTHWEST OF LAUNCH COMPLEX C AT KAPUSTIN YAR. IN THE FUTURE THESE AREAS WILL BE REFERRED TO BY NPIC AS MISSILE HANDLING FACILITIES. AT BOTH KAPUSTIN YAR AND PLESETSK, THE FACILITIES CONSIST OF A RAIL AND ROAD SERVED SECURED AREA WITHIN WHICH THREE MAJOR BUILDINGS AND A RAIL-TO-ROAD TRANSLOADING AREA ARE LOCATED. ONE BUILDING, HAVING A HIGH BAY SECTION [REDACTED], IS RAIL SERVED AND HAS 4 PROBABLE LIGHTNING ARRESTERS POSITIONED AROUND IT. THE OTHER TWO MAJOR BUILDINGS AT BOTH FACILITIES ARE ROAD SERVED ONLY AND MEASURE [REDACTED] 190 BY 50 FEET. SEVERAL OTHER SMALLER STRUCTURES ARE POSITIONED WITHIN BOTH AREAS. AT KAPUSTIN YAR, A STEAM PLANT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE SECURED AREA WHILE AT PLESETSK A STEAM LINE FROM THE HOUSING AND ADMINISTRATION AREA SERVES THE FACILITY. THREE ADDITIONAL BUILDING FOUNDATIONS AT PLESETSK OBSERVED [REDACTED] INDICATE THAT CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY ON THREE BUILDINGS APPARENTLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE ALREADY PRESENT. THE FACILITY AT KAPUSTIN YAR WAS INITIALLY OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN [REDACTED] AND JUDGED COMPLETE IN [REDACTED] WHILE THE ONE AT PLESETSK WAS FIRST SEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN [REDACTED] AND THE FIRST SET OF BUILDINGS JUDGED

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COMPLETE IN [REDACTED]

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THE OTHER UNIDENTIFIED FACILITY AT PLESETSK (THE WESTERNMOST) CONTAINS A MULTI-STORY MASONRY BUILDING MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 440 BY 160 FEET WHICH APPEARS TO BE NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED LARGE BUILDING IN THE SUPPORT FACILITY FOR COMPLEX A AT TYURATAM. THE BUILDING AT PLESETSK IS RAIL SERVED WHEREAS THE ONE AT TYURATAM AS YET IS NOT. THE PLESETSK BUILDING WAS INITIALLY OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN [REDACTED] AND APPEARED TO BE COMPLETE IN [REDACTED] WHILE THE NEW BUILDING AT LAUNCH COMPLEX A WAS FIRST SEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN [REDACTED] AND APPEARED TO BE COMPLETE IN [REDACTED]

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DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME (1964-1966) OTHER NEW ACTIVITY AT PLESETSK INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF LAUNCH SITES 9, 10 AND 13, ADDITIONS TO LAUNCH SITE 2, AND INITIATION OF UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION 20 MILES TO THE EAST OF SITES 9 AND 10.

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S/C NOTE: ALSO PASSED [REDACTED]

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