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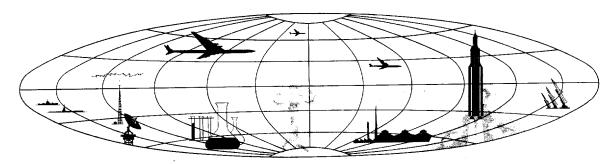


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This report presents a detailed analysis of the support facilities at and adjacent to the Palanga SA-2 and SA-3 SAM sites (Figure 1), including the facilities contained in and adjacent to a secured area previously reported as a probable SAM assembly area. 1/ However, further interpretation of this and similar areas recently identified at other SAM sites throughout the USSR indicates that although the area probably performs some phase of SAM support, it is not necessarily that of SAM assembly.

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Palanga SAM site A03-2 is located immediately east of Palanga Airfield at 55-58-48N 21-06-25E. Palanga SAM site is located immediately A03-3 north-northeast of Palanga Airfield at 55-59-30N 21-05-50E. Their support facilities can be divided into three areas (Figure 2): Area A, which includes facilities associated with the SA-3 site; Area B, which includes the facilities contained in and adjacent to the secured area previously referred to as a probable SAM assembly area; and Area C, which includes the facilities adjacent to the SA-2 site. All three of the areas are connected by road, both to each other and to the surrounding country.

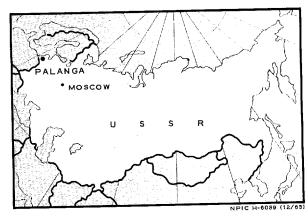


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF PALANGA SAM SITES.

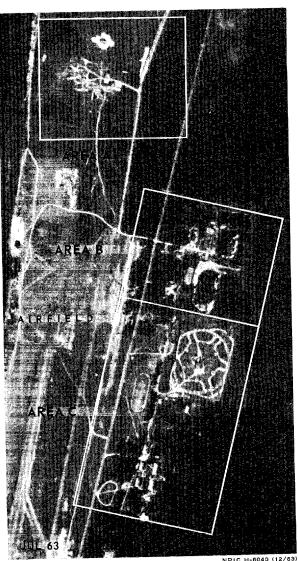


FIGURE 2. SAM SITES AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT FACILI-

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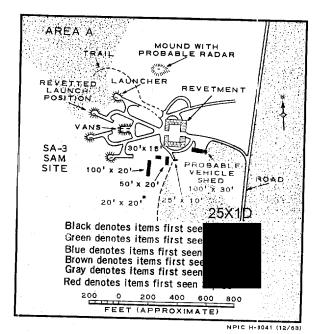
Area A

This area (Figure 3) contains six buildings, an earthen mound probably used for an acquisition radar, and the SA-3 site. The six buildings range in size from 20 by 20 feet to 100 by 30 feet, and were constructed between

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and The largest of the buildings (100 by 30 feet) is probably a vehicle shed; it is located on the site access road and is connected to the road by a service apron. The exact function of the remaining five buildings, located about 200 feet south of the SA-3 site, cannot be determined at this time. There are no indications of security measures at either the SA-3 site or at any of the buildings.

Area B

This area (Figure 4) is located to the east of Palanga Airfield, immediately north-northeast of the SA-2 site, and 0.5 nautical miles south-southeast of the SA-3 site. It contains a secured section with three buildings serviced by a generally circular service road, six other buildings outside the security fence, a previously identified POL storage area, 2/ and approximately 37 vehicles.

The nine buildings in the area range in size from 30 by 20 feet to $240\,\mathrm{by}\ 75$ feet, and eight of

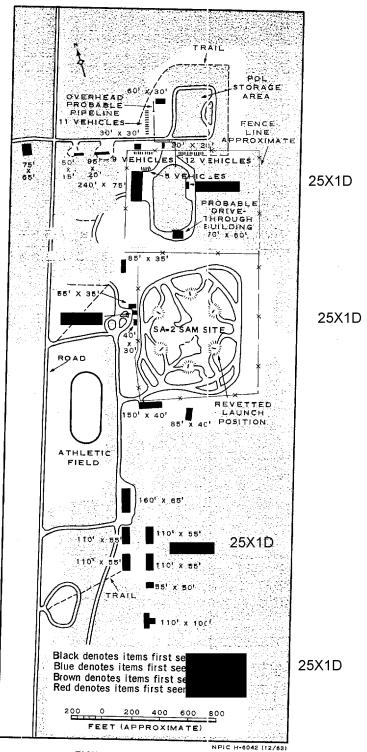


FIGURE 4. AREAS B AND C.

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them were first observed on KEYHOLE photography of The single building farthest west was present in , and is probably associated with Palanga Airfield. The vehicles first appeared on KEYHOLE photography of and were still present in They vary in length from 15 feet to 25 feet.

Within the secured section of this area, the largest of the three buildings (240 by 75 feet) is adjacent to the generally circular road and connected to it by a service apron. The next largest building (70 by 60 feet) is located on the road and is probably drive-through. The smallest building feet) is located adjacent to the road, but the exact manner in which it is served cannot be

determined. Approximately 26 of the vehicles are located within this section.

An overhead probable pipeline connects a 60by 30-foot building located outside the fence with an undetermined point inside the secured section.

Area C

This area (Figure 4) is located immediately east of Palanga Airfield and contains the Palanga SA-2 SAM site together with 14 associated buildings. All of the buildings in the area were present when the SA-2 site was first identified on KEYHOLE photography of and all are similar to those normally found in an SA-2 on-site support facility.

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