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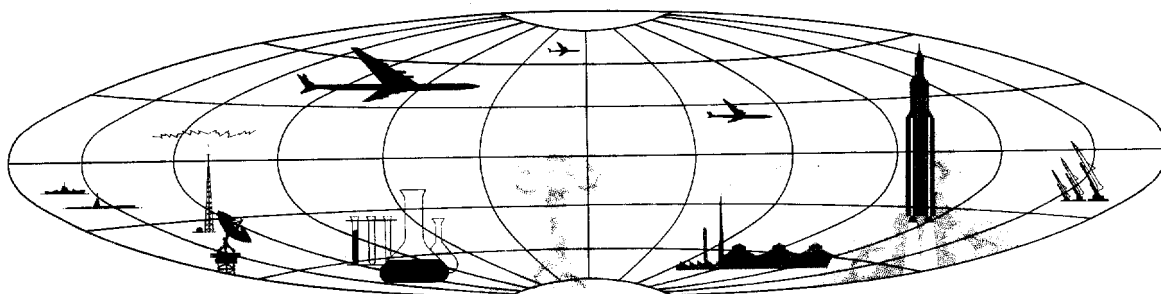
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This report presents a detailed analysis of the support facilities at and adjacent to the Palanga SA-2 and SA-3 SAM sites (Figure 1), including the facilities contained in and adjacent to a secured area previously reported as a probable SAM assembly 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 [REDACTED] is located immediately east of Palanga Airfield at 55-58-48N 21-06-25E. Palanga SAM site A03-3 [REDACTED] is located immediately 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.

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FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF PALANGA SAM SITES.

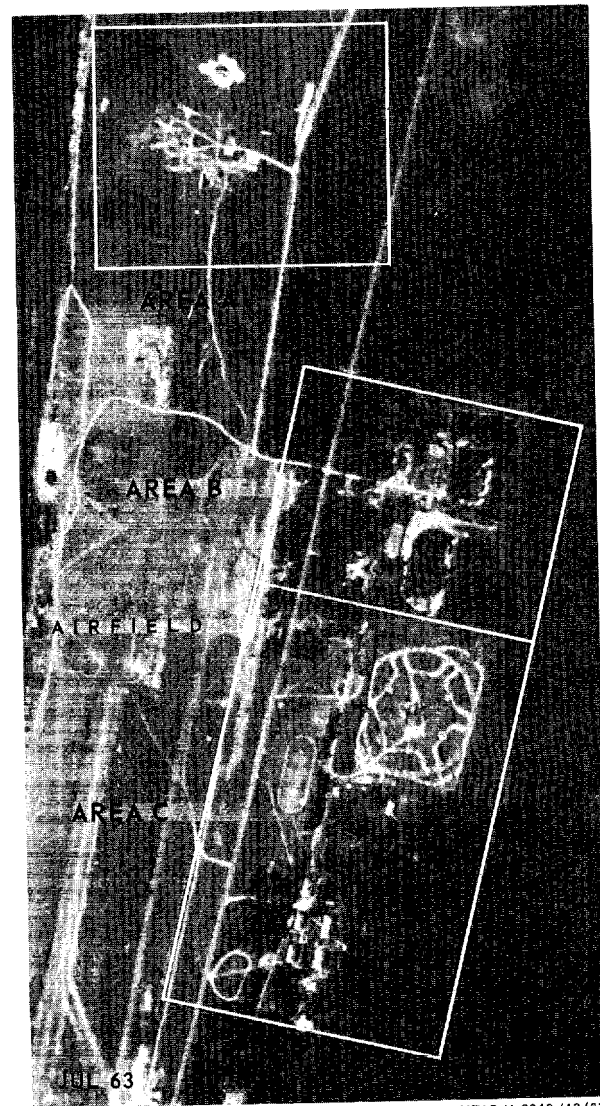


FIGURE 2. SAM SITES AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT FACILITIES, [REDACTED]

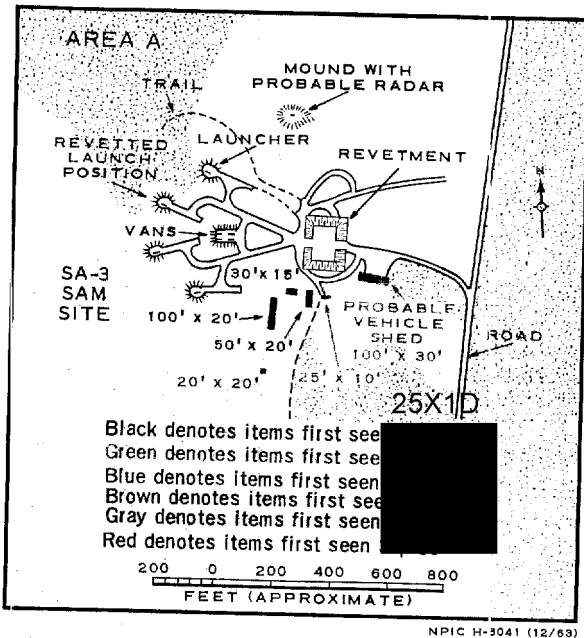
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Area A

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 [REDACTED]

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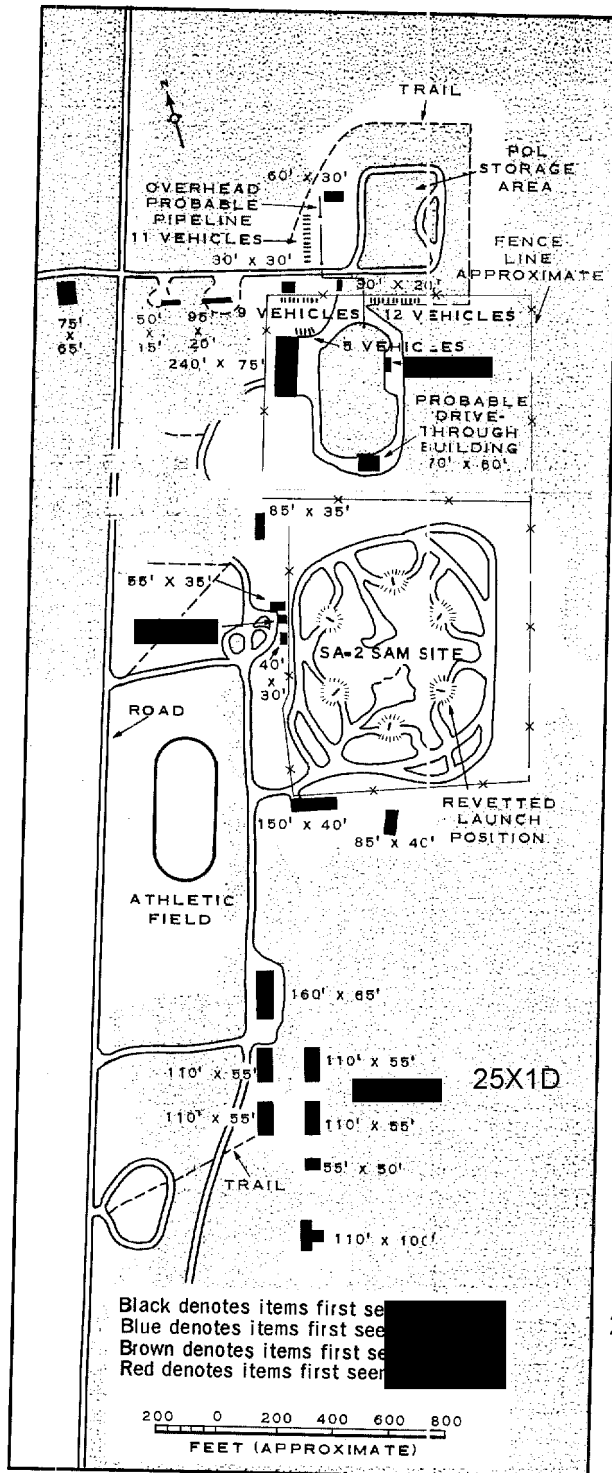
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and [redacted] The largest of the buildings (100 by 30 feet) is probably a vehicle shed; it is located on the site access road and is connected to the road by a service apron. The exact function of the remaining five buildings, located about 200 feet 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-north-east 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 by 75 feet, and eight of



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 FIGURE 4. AREAS B AND C.

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