

PROBABLE AGRICULTURAL STORAGE AREA NEAR PESKI, USSR

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This area, covered by photography of [REDACTED] is located at 53-12N 66-48E, 6 nautical miles (nm) southwest of Peski and 250 nm southwest of Omsk. It was referred to in PIC/JMCI-7/60 as a possible future industrial site. 1/ Further analysis indicates that it is a probable agricultural storage area.

General Description

The area includes the following facilities (item numbers are keyed to Figure 1).

1. Probable storage site containing tanks or small structures, served by a rail spur.
2. Storage site containing eight large warehouses and two possible warehouses under construction, served by a rail spur.

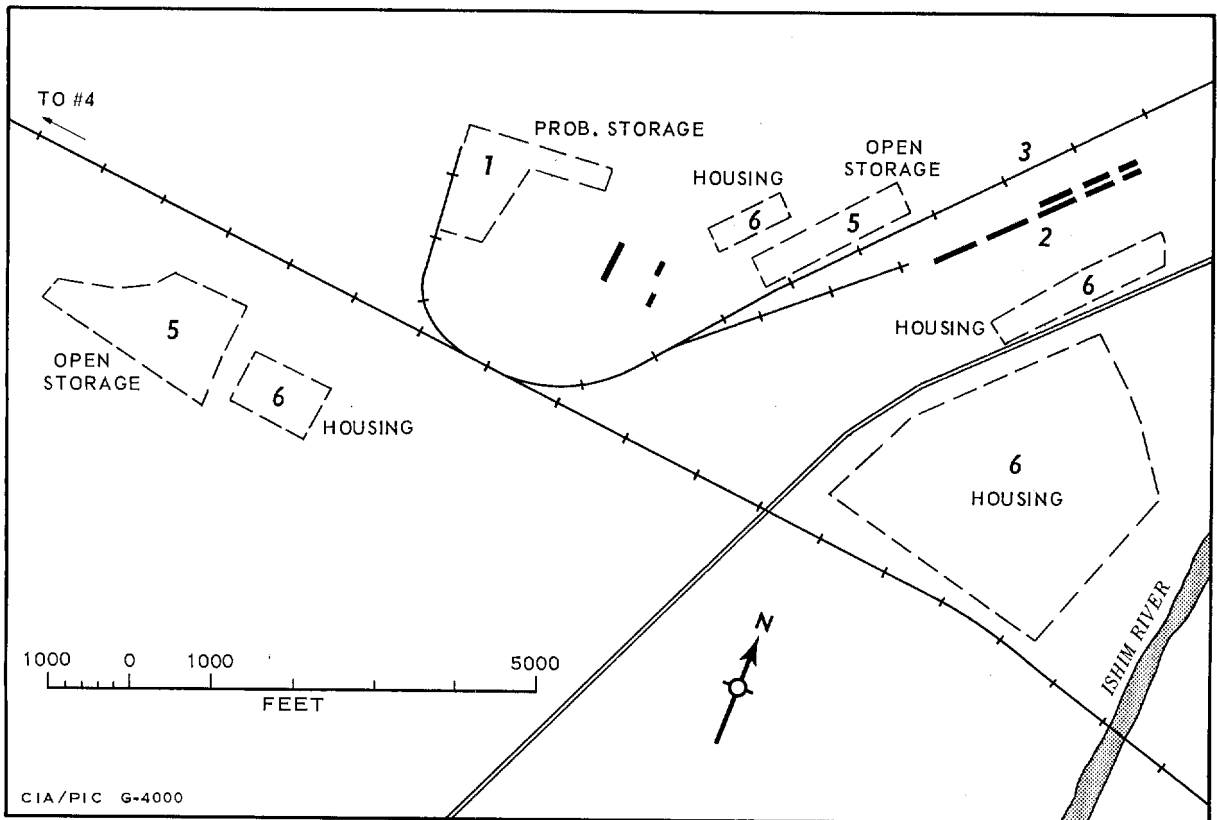


FIGURE 1. PROBABLE AGRICULTURAL STORAGE AREA NEAR PESKI, USSR.

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3. Long rail spur which passes parallel to the warehouses of item 2, continues northeastward, and then turns east and terminates in a crow's-foot of short spurs near the Ishim River. No construction is apparent at the end of this spur.

4. Turning wye with several short spurs (not shown on Figure 1).

5. Two open storage sites.

6. One large and three small housing sites containing approximately 150 single-family dwellings.

Terrain and Vegetation

The area lies in an extensively cultivated, low, level plain, characterized by numerous small lakes and very few trees.

Construction Status

The major part of the area appears complete, although a few small areas of earth scarring indicate possible future construction.

Utilities

Water is available from the nearby Ishim River. No pipelines, steam lines, or power lines are discernible. The presence of an internal or external power source could not be determined.

Transport

The area is adjacent to a highway-railway junction. The rail line extends west from Kokchetav to Kustanay, passing just south of Peski, (see Figure 2). It is visible, on photography, from Kokchetav to approximately 40 nm west of Peski, for a total of 135 nm; clouds obscure the remainder. This rail line, reported as new in JMCI-7/60 2/, is shown in NIS 26, Section 31 (January 1959). 3/

Security

The extent of physical security could not be determined; however, no fence lines were discernible.

Nearest Major Airfield

Omsk Southwest Airfield is 250 nm to the northeast. This field has a concrete runway 8,500 by 270 feet and two minor concrete runways, 3,450 by 270 feet and 2,600 by 270 feet.

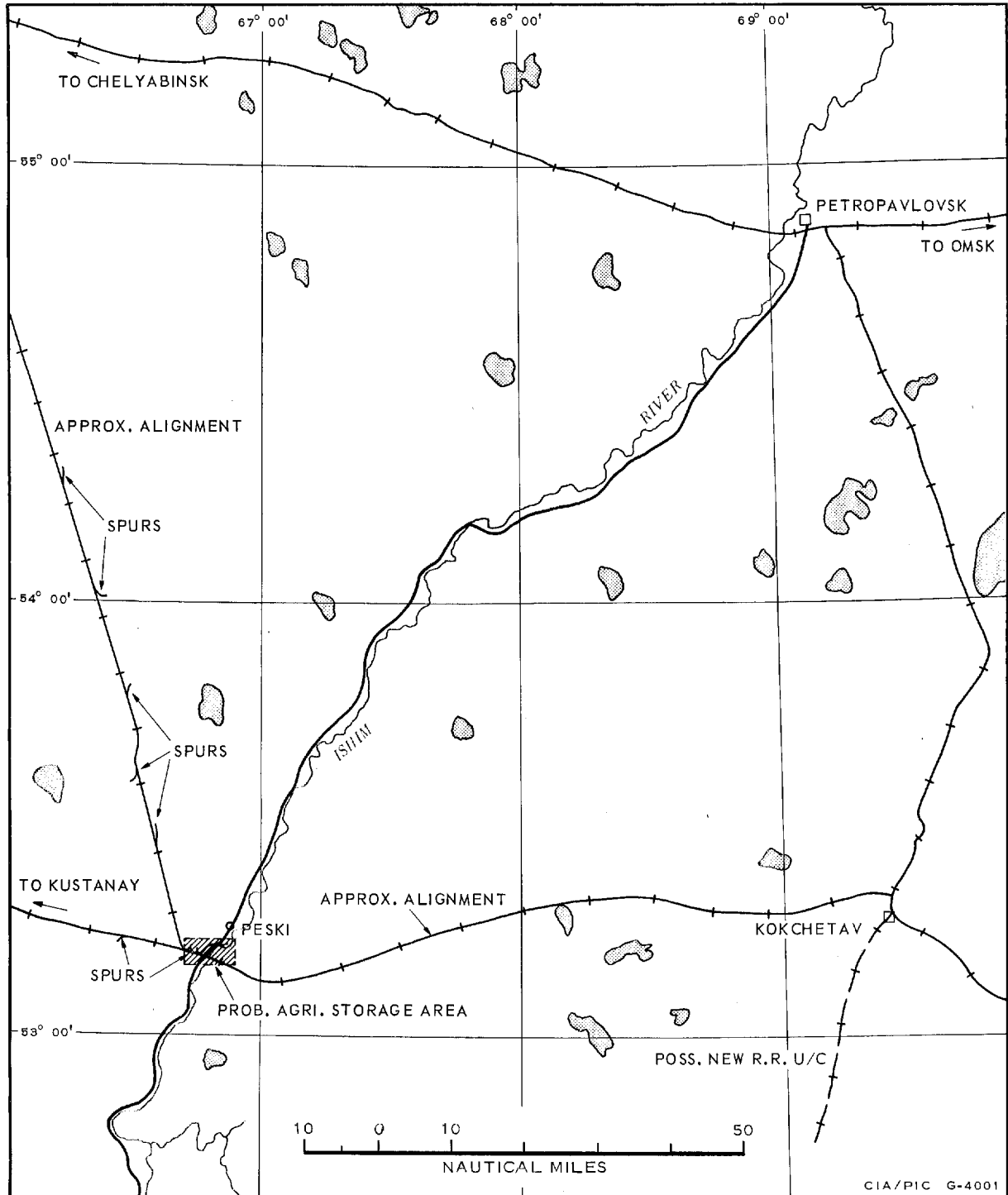


FIGURE 2. MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF PROBABLE AGRICULTURAL STORAGE AREA NEAR PESKI AND SIX SPUR-SERVED STORAGE AREAS.

Collateral Information

Pravda reported in 1956 that, as a result of an expected bumper crop, work was being started on the construction of a large grain elevator at Peski, which at that time was the terminus of the rail line. 4/

Other Spur-Served Storage Areas in Region

West and north-northwest of Peski are six probable agricultural storage areas served by rail spurs (see Figure 2). Each area contains long warehouse buildings similar to those at the area near Peski and from 20 to 70 single-family dwellings. The rail spurs vary in length from approximately 2,000 feet to 4,000 feet. No security provisions are discernible at any of these areas. Figure 3 is a drawing of one of the areas.

An intensive search along the rail lines in this general agricultural region of the USSR disclosed numerous similar storage areas, each containing a number of long warehouse/storage-type buildings served by a short rail spur. Most of these are in city or town complexes. Those outside urban areas are served by a small housing area composed of single-family dwellings. One storage area, in Tatarsk, appears on TALENT photography of [REDACTED] and is also covered by ground photography. It contains several long warehouse/storage-type buildings and a grain elevator. The TALENT photography shows that the long buildings are separated by what appear to be grain dryers.

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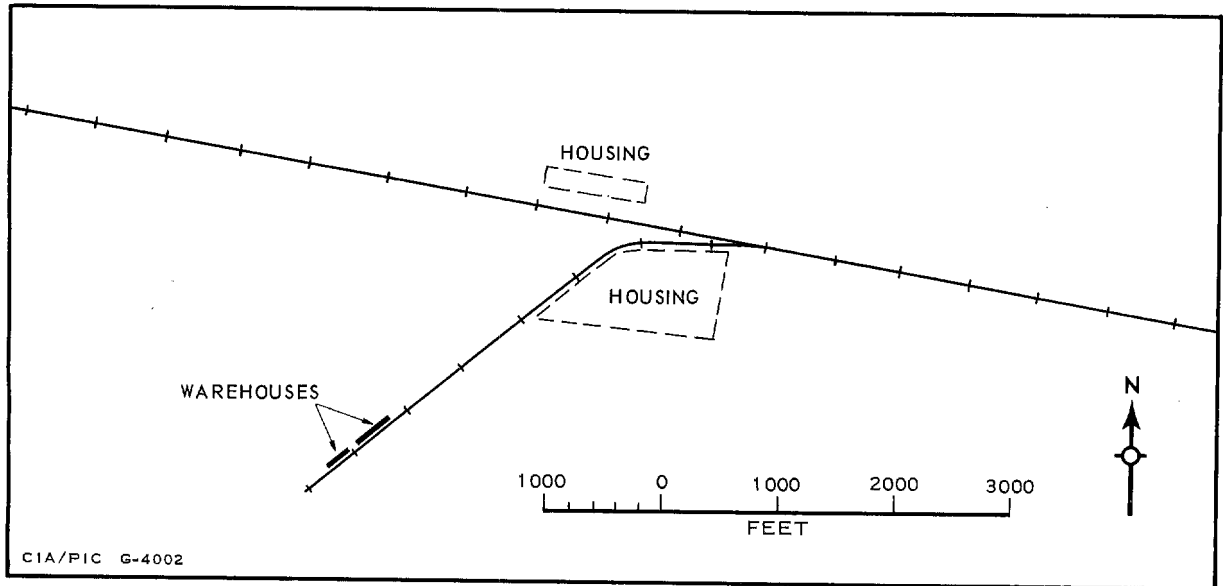
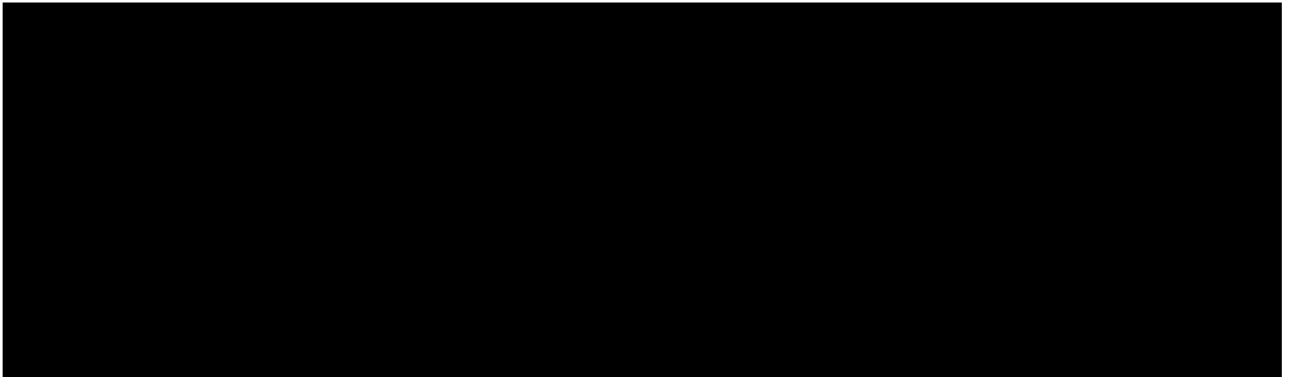


FIGURE 3. SPUR-SERVED STORAGE AREA ABOUT 10 NM WEST OF PROBABLE STORAGE AREA.

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Several of the rail lines in this general region run through agricultural areas between trunk lines and apparently were constructed solely to provide transportation for agricultural products. The manner of locating storage areas along these rail lines closely resembles the way grain elevators are located in the US and Canadian wheat belts -- in small towns spaced 10-20 miles apart along trunk rail lines.

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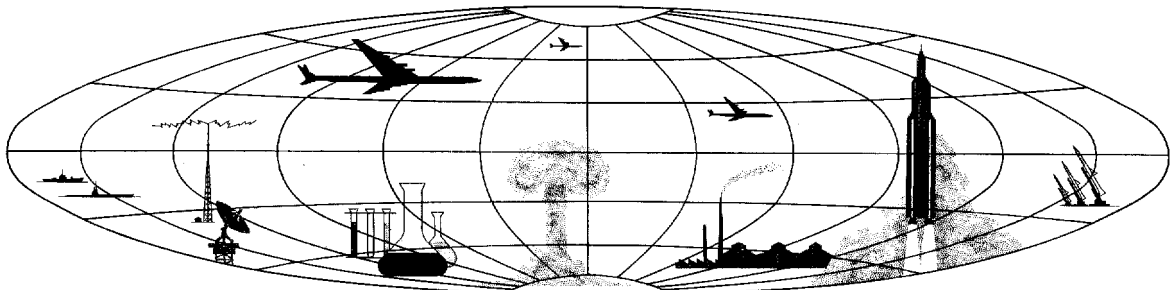
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