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SSM TRAINING FACILITY
KOTOVSK, USSR**

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Kotovsk SSM Training Facility is located at 47-46N 029-33E, immediately northeast of Kotovsk Army Barracks Northeast AL 1, which is on the northeast edge of Kotovsk (Figures 1 and 2). The facility probably is used in training troops in the techniques of maneuvering and positioning missile-related equipment. It was previously reported as a possible ammunition storage area. 1/

The facility is in a heavily wooded ravine which provides visual protection from the surrounding countryside. No security fence or wall is evident, but a probable guardhouse is near the entrance to the facility. The only access to the facility is by a hard-surfaced, all-weather road from the barracks area. Rail facilities are located in Kotovsk and a spur serves the barracks area.

The facility (Figure 3) consists of 2 launch pads, a possible launch pad on which construction has been suspended, a missile-ready building, a control/support building, a probable missile-ready tent, a small building of undetermined function, and the probable guardhouse.

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The construction has been suspended and the area may have been intended as a turnaround and parking area.

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In [redacted] clearing had begun for the missile-ready building and by [redacted] the building was under construction. The control/

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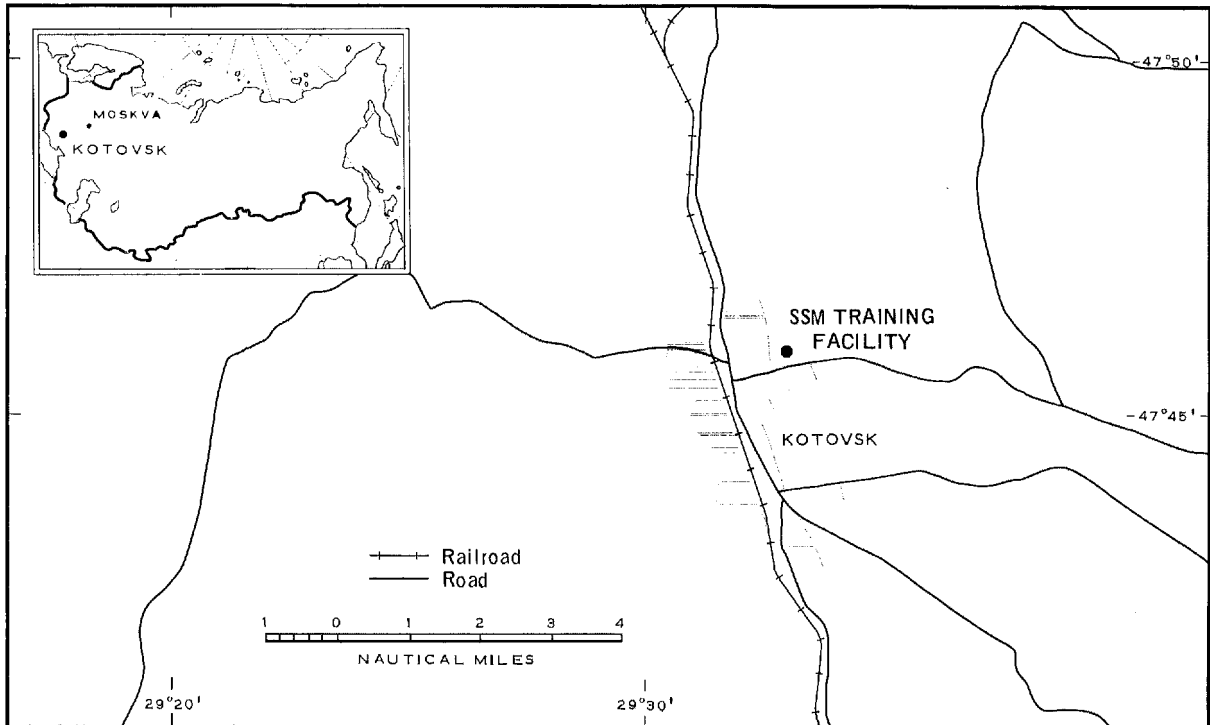


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF KOTOVSK ARMY BARRACKS NORTHEAST AL 1 AND SSM TRAINING FACILITY, KOTOVSK, USSR.

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support building was constructed between [REDACTED]

The probable guardhouse and the small unidentified building cannot be negated because of their small sizes and the dense vegetation. They may have been present since the first coverage of the facility.

The area indicated by dotted lines is probably where the probable missile-ready tent was originally erected. It cannot be determined when the position was changed.

Unidentified equipment has been at the facility intermittently since at least [REDACTED] missions have covered the area, but haze precludes identification of equipment on the [REDACTED]

age, missile-related equipment can be identified (Figure 4). At the middle launch pad are an erected SS-4 missile, an SS-4 transporter, an SS-4 erector with prime mover, an SS-4 fuel transport trailer, 2 SS-4 oxidizer transport trailers, and a probable hydrogen peroxide transporter. Near the loop road for the middle pad is an SS-4 erector with a prime mover. At the eastern pad are an SS-4 erector with a prime mover, a probable launch stand, and a transporter of an unidentified type. At least 3 unidentified vehicles/pieces of equipment are also at the facility. [REDACTED] coverage [REDACTED] prior to the most [REDACTED] coverage, most of the equipment was in the same position except that there was no erected missile.

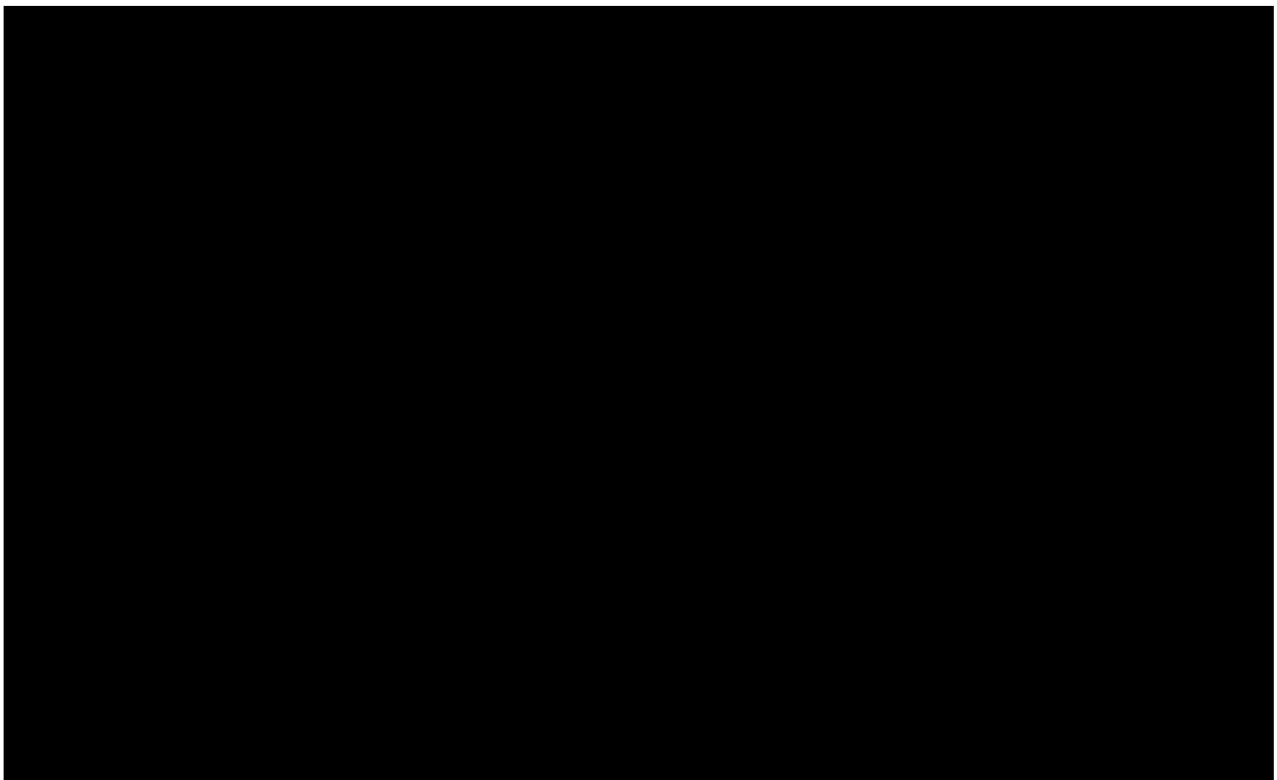
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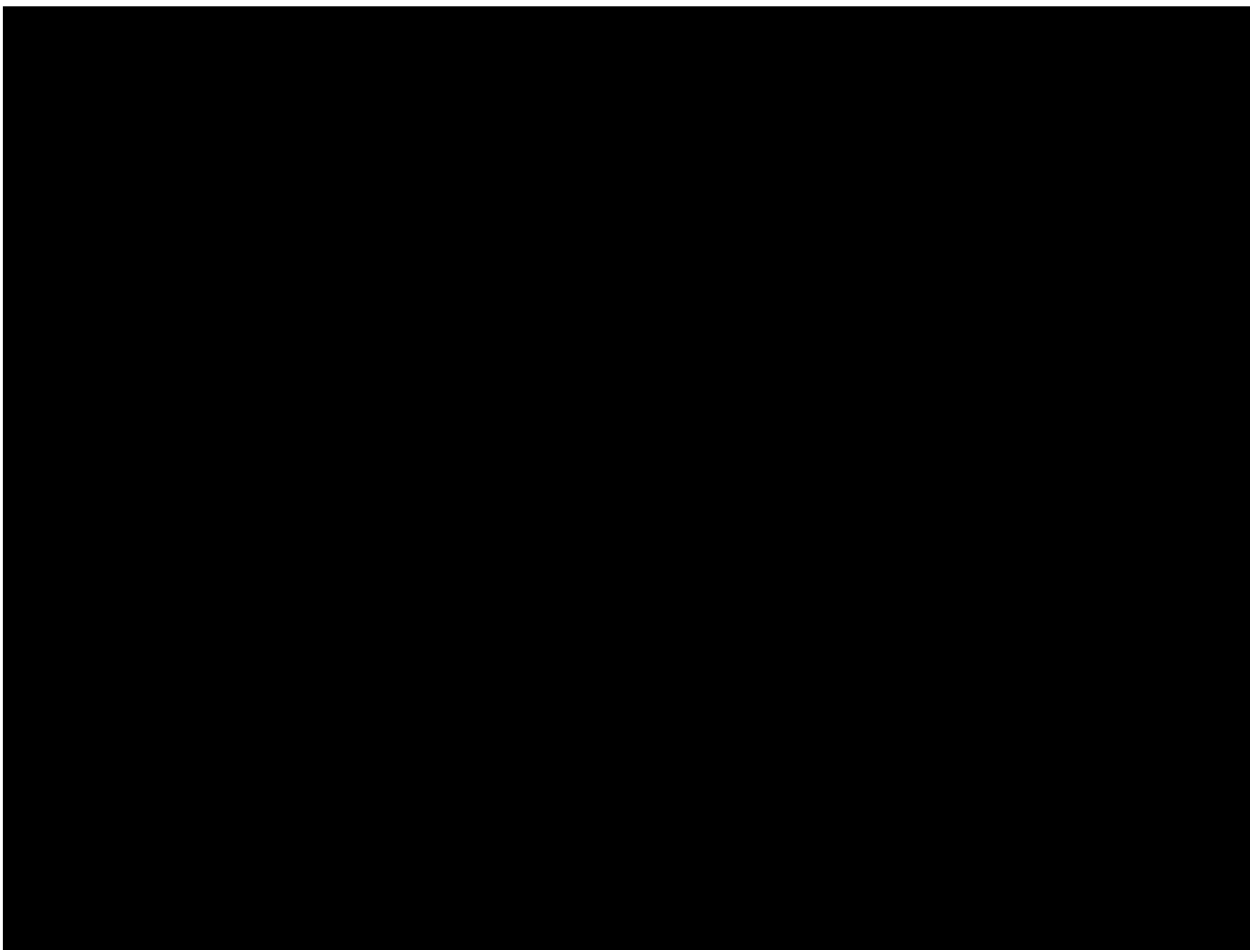
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