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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] CIA/OSI/LSD/BW-CW

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REFERENCE : OSI C-SIO-86,226  
NPIC Project 250772

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1. This memorandum responds to the referenced requirement dated [redacted]. The requirement requested a review of significant storage features at selected installations in the Soviet Union.

2. Review of Photographic Features

Photographic features at 38 selected Soviet storage sites were reviewed and are listed on the attached data sheets. Data on the individual installations were taken from the most recent photographic interpretation report for each installation. We reviewed recent photography when necessary.

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4. Features Reviewed

a. Security

Most military installations in the USSR are secured; however, the amount of security is usually indicative of the sensitivity of the activity. The number of walls or fences and the number of guard posts are given for each installation. Perimeter lighting is indicated when present.

b. Buildings

Three building features are listed--separation, ventilation, and revetting. Separation is indicated as follows: "close," less

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than 100 feet; "medium," 100 to 300 feet; and "wide," more than 300 feet. Spacing and revetting requirements for the same function might vary with individual installation terrain and vegetation. The number of buildings ventilated or revetted is indicated in the appropriate columns.

c. Open Storage Facilities

The open storage facilities are divided into three types--large tanks, drums, and unidentified objects. The large tanks are either vertical or horizontal liquid storage tanks. The number of these tanks at each site is given. Open storage of drum containers and of rows of unidentified objects is indicated by a "yes" in the appropriate columns.

d. Disposal Area

No disposal areas were identified. However, a few sites have areas that may be used for agent or munitions disposal; these are indicated by "possible" or "probable."

e. Vehicles or Equipment

The numerical range of decontamination vehicles and other vehicles observed at the installation within the last two years is indicated in the appropriate column.

f. Special Handling Equipment

Special handling equipment such as hoists or liquid transfer points that are not usually observed at military depots were observed at a few of the installations. This is indicated in the appropriate column.

g. Rail Cars

The specialized rail car has been called a "special munitions rail car" for lack of a better title and is not a confirmed munitions carrier. It has been identified at several places not related to CW activity. The numerical range, within the last two years, of the special munitions cars, tank cars, and other rail cars is given in the appropriate columns.

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h. Distinct from Nuclear, High Explosives and Quartermaster Storage

The features and facilities of the installation were compared to those features and facilities necessary for nuclear, high explosives, and quartermaster storage. If the installation is distinct from or similar to sites for these activities, it is indicated in the appropriate column.

i. Distance To

The distance to the nearest village or town is listed in nautical miles where this distance exceeds 1 nautical mile.

5. The data are not intended to be a source of precise information about each installation; they provide a tabulation of general information. All numbers of items and distances are approximate. Precise information on most installations is available, if needed, in the appropriate Basic Imagery Interpretation Report.

6. This project is complete. Questions on this project may be directed to [Redacted]

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Attachment 1:  
38 data sheets

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