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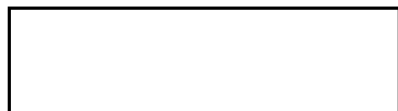


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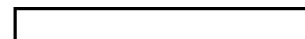
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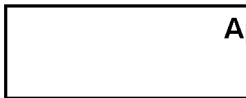
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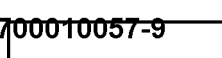
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Status of G Class Ballistic Missile Submarine Conversion Program

An IAS study of the Soviet G-I to G-II Class submarine conversion program indicates that at least 14 and possibly 15 submarines have been involved in the program. The conversion involves altering the shape of the sail and rebuilding the three missile tubes to accommodate a larger diameter missile, the submerged-launch SS-N-5. To date, there is photographic evidence that a total of 9 or 10 G-II's have become operational.

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The G Class conversion program has been under way for several years at Severodvinsk in the Northern Fleet area and at Vladivostok in the Pacific Fleet area. As of [redacted] six or seven of the 10 submarines associated with the program at Severodvinsk had become operational as G-II's. At Vladivostok, conversion of the fourth of five units possibly associated with the program was nearing completion in [redacted] the date of the latest high-resolution coverage of the shipyard.

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