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INTRODUCTION

DUE TO ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS, THE COVERAGE QUALITY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY ON MISSION B 4155 RANGED FROM POOR TO GOOD. OVER-ALL CLOUD COVER WAS APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT, WITH THE HEAVIEST CONCENTRATION OVER THE ANDIZHAN AND TYURA TAM AREAS. RESOLUTION, CONTRAST, AND DENSITY WERE CONSIDERED GOOD IN THOSE AREAS NOT GREATLY AFFECTED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS.

THIS PRELIMINARY REPORT COVERS ITEMS OF IMPORTANT INTELLIGENCE SIGNIFICANCE IN RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENTS LEVIED BY THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

SUMMARY

COVERING A WIDE AREA BETWEEN THE FERGANA VALLEY, SEMIPALATINSK, AND THE ARAL SEA, MISSION B 4155 INCLUDES IN ITS PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD THE FOLLOWING MAJOR ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE INTEREST.

GUIDED MISSILES AND ELECTRONICS

A NEW-TYPE LAUNCH AREA IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT TYURA TAM.

AN AREA OF SOME 8,000 SQUARE MILES BETWEEN LAKE BALKHASH AND DZHEZKAZGAN IS SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME AND DISCLOSES MANY MISSILE-ASSOCIATED INSTALLATIONS. INCLUDED ARE INTERFEROMETER-TYPE INSTRUMENTATION SITES, NUMEROUS COMMUNICATIONS AND TRACKING FACILITIES, MISSILE LAUNCH AND SUPPORT AREAS, A LARGE DIRT STRIP (16,300 X 260 FT), AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED INSTALLATIONS.

AIRCRAFT AND AIRFIELDS

ONLY 13 AIRFIELDS WERE COVERED, 7 OF WHICH ARE MAJOR FIELDS. A TOTAL OF 251 AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED, INCLUDING 48 BOMBERS, 122 FIGHTERS, AND 81 OTHER TYPES.

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DETAILA. GUIDED MISSILES

## SARY SHAGAN - DZHEZKAZGAN AREA

NUMEROUS GUIDED-MISSILE-ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN AN AREA OF SOME 8,000 SQUARE MILES EXTENDING FROM LAKE BALKHASH TO SARY SHAGAN AND ON TO DZHEZKAZGAN. THE COMPLEXITY OF THIS ENTIRE AREA COMPLICATED BY PARTIAL CLOUD COVER, WILL NECESSITATE CONSIDERABLE DETAILED ANALYSIS, USING ALL-SOURCE INTELLIGENCE, TO PUT TOGETHER A COMPOSITE INTELLIGENCE PICTURE.

WHILE NO ATTEMPT IS MADE HERE TO DESCRIBE OR LOCATE ALL THE INSTALLATIONS IN THIS LARGE AREA, SOME NOTION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS COVERAGE CAN BE IMPARTED BY BRIEFLY LISTING INSTALLATIONS NOTED DURING THE PRELIMINARY SCAN MADE FOR THIS ODE. DETAILED STUDY OF THIS AREA COULD RESULT IN THE MOST PROVOCATIVE AND POSSIBLY THE MOST PRODUCTIVE RESULTS FROM ANY TALENT COVERAGE OF SOVIET MISSILE ACTIVITIES TO DATE.

SUBSTANTIVE BRIEFS ON MAJOR INSTALLATIONS WILL BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS PRELIMINARY REPORT AND DISSEMINATED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. NOT UNTIL THE FINAL READOUT HAS BEEN MADE WILL THE ROLES AND INTERRELATIONSHIPS OF THE INSTALLATIONS IN THIS AREA BE UNDERSTOOD.

THE FOLLOWING LIST SERVES ONLY AS AN INDICATOR OF THE NUMBER AND VARIETY OF INSTALLATIONS SEEN OVER A VAST PROBLEM AREA WHICH NOW CONFRONTS THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

SARY SHAGAN AREA  
46 01 N - 73 30 E

1. AIRFIELD COMPLEX INCLUDING A CONCRETE RUNWAY, AN EXTREMELY LONG DIRT STRIP (16,300 X 260 FT), MISSILE ASSEMBLY AND CHECKOUT FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND REVETTED STORAGE FACILITIES.
2. TWO STORAGE AREAS
3. ONE RADIO TRANSMITTING AREA
4. ONE RADIO RECEIVING AREA
5. LARGE HOUSING COMPLEX

6. ONE INTERFEROMETER



8. POSSIBLE SUPPORT AREA, PARTIALLY CLOUD COVERED

9. CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AREAS

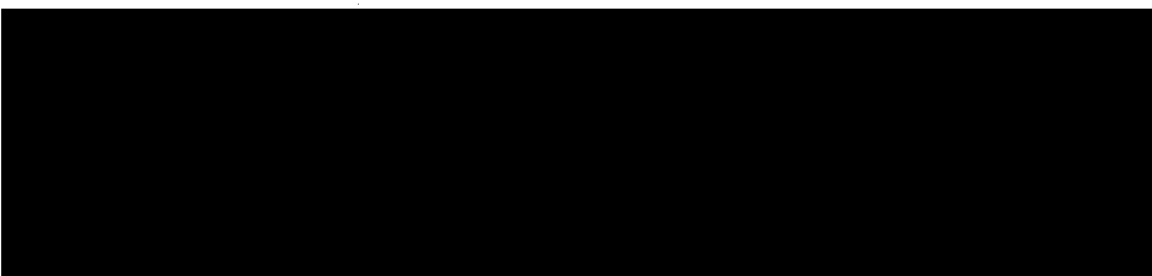
TWO DEGREE SQUARE AREA  
46 TO 48 N - 71 TO 73 E

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area

1. GUIDED MISSILE LAUNCH COMPLEX

- A. LAUNCH AND SUPPORT AREA -- THIS AREA, PARTIALLY CLOUD COVERED, INCLUDES AT LEAST ONE LARGE LAUNCH PAD AND TWO LARGE SEMICIRCULAR PAVED AREAS MEASURING 200 TO 300 FEET IN DIAMETER. BUNKERS, A TALL TOWER, AND A DRIVE-THROUGH BUILDING ARE ALSO EVIDENT IN THIS AREA. THE SEMIGIRGULAR AREAS MAY BE EITHER NEW-TYPE LAUNCH PADS OR ELECTRONIC CONFIGURATIONS.
- B. PROBABLE LANDING STRIP UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITH HOUSING SUPPORT AREA
- C. SEVERAL RADIO INSTRUMENTATION SITES
- D. QUARRY AND CONCRETE BATCH PLANT
- E. INTERFEROMETER-TYPE INSTRUMENTATION SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- F. COMMUNICATIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WITH A SUPPORT AREA AND MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS ALREADY IN EXISTENCE

ALL THESE FACILITIES ARE IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA, ARE APPARENTLY INTERRELATED, AND ARE INTERCONNECTED BY A HARD-SURFACE ROAD THAT LEADS TO SARY SHAGAN, APPROXIMATELY 70 NM TO THE EAST.



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area

TWO DEGREE SQUARE AREA  
46 TO 48 N - 69 TO 71 E

INTERFEROMETER-TYPE INSTRUMENTATION STATION, WITH ASSOCIATED AREA, CONTAINING 3 DOMED BUILDINGS, A PROBABLE MICROWAVE STATION, A TOKEN-TYPE RADAR, AND AT LEAST 30 OTHER BUILDINGS.

INTERFEROMETER-TYPE INSTRUMENTATION STATION WITH ASSOCIATED SUPPORT AREA, CONTAINING AT LEAST 27 BUILDINGS AND WITH A SOD LANDING STRIP NEARBY.

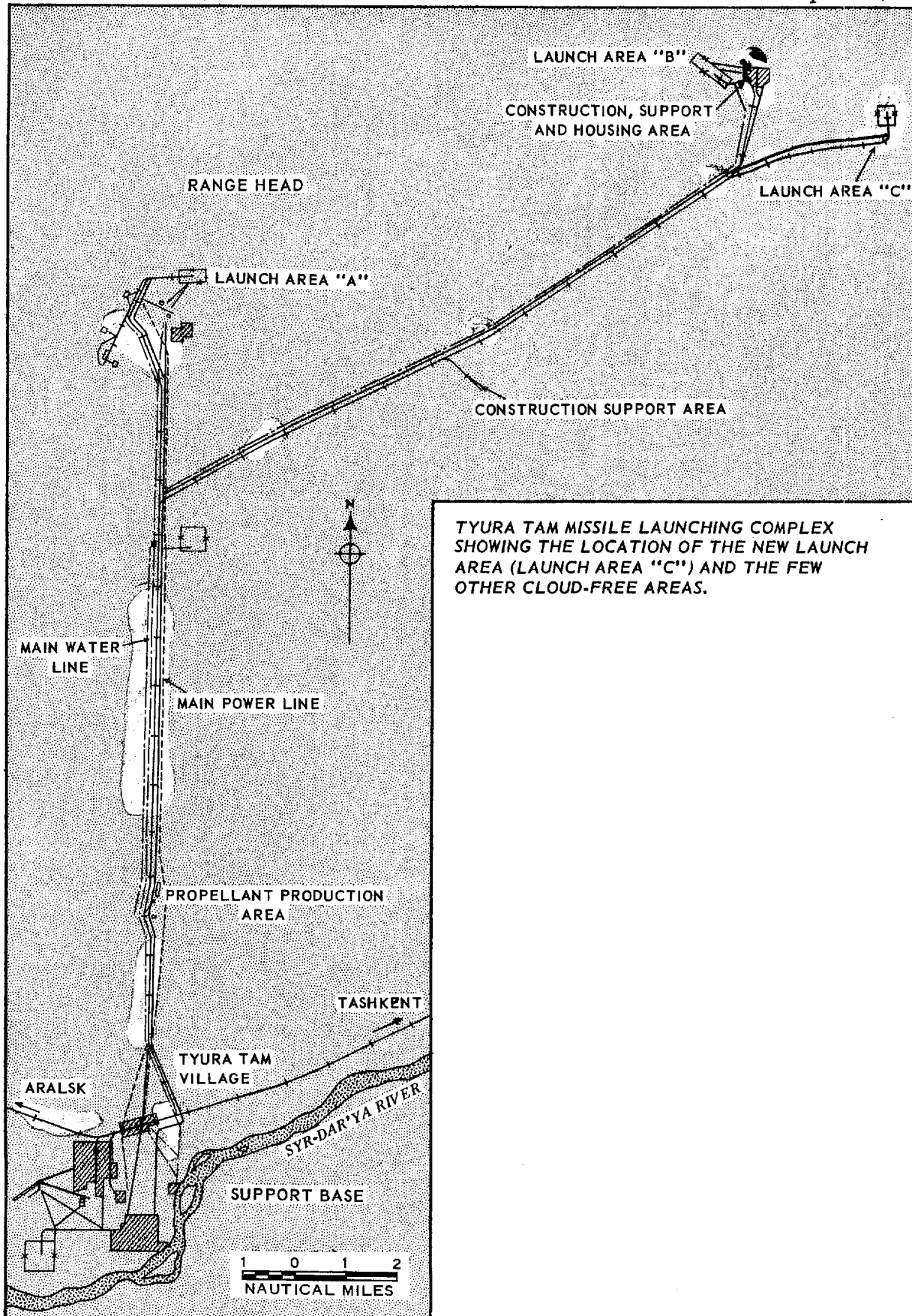
DZHEZKAZGAN  
47 48 N - 67 29 E

A LARGE INSTRUMENTATION SITE, POSSIBLY USED FOR MISSILE TRACKING, SIMILAR TO THE CHELKAR SITE. IT CONTAINS SEVERAL RADARS, INCLUDING ONE TOKEN TYPE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND A SUPPORT AREA WITH APPROXIMATELY 20 BUILDINGS.

TYURA TAM MISSILE LAUNCHING COMPLEX  
45 55 N - 63 18 E

A NEW LAUNCH AREA (LAUNCH AREA C) IS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION AT THE TYURA TAM RANGEHEAD (SEE ACCOMPANYING FIGURE). IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM EAST OF LAUNCH AREA B, AT 46 00 N - 63 35 E. THE AREA IS SERVED BY BOTH ROAD AND RAIL, AND INCLUDES AN ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT BUILDING 240 X 125 FT AND SEPARATELY SECURED LAUNCH FACILITIES. BECAUSE THE LAUNCH FACILITIES ARE IN THE EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION, IT CANNOT BE DETERMINED WHETHER THERE WILL BE ONE OR TWO LAUNCH POINTS OR WHETHER THE POINT OR POINTS WILL BE ROAD OR RAIL SERVED OR BOTH. THIS LAUNCH AREA IS DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT FROM LAUNCH AREAS A & B AND IS AT SURFACE LEVEL. NO INSTRUMENTATION IS APPARENT AT THIS TIME.

EXTREMELY HEAVY CLOUDS PREVAIL OVER THE REST OF THE COMPLEX. LAUNCH AREA A IS COMPLETELY OBSCURED AND ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF ITS IMMEDIATE SUPPORT AREA IS CLEAR. NO CHANGES ARE NOTED IN THIS CLEAR AREA. LAUNCH AREA B IS ALSO COMPLETELY OBSCURED BY CLOUDS. HOWEVER, THE ROAD AND WATER LINE SERVING THIS AREA DO NOT APPEAR COMPLETE. A MAJOR PORTION OF THE SUPPORT FACILITIES FOR LAUNCH AREA B IS VISIBLE AND CONSTRUCTION IS CONTINUING. ALL OTHER MAJOR FACILITIES AT THE COMPLEX ARE CLOUD COVERED.



TYURA TAM MISSILE LAUNCHING COMPLEX SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE NEW LAUNCH AREA (LAUNCH AREA "C") AND THE FEW OTHER CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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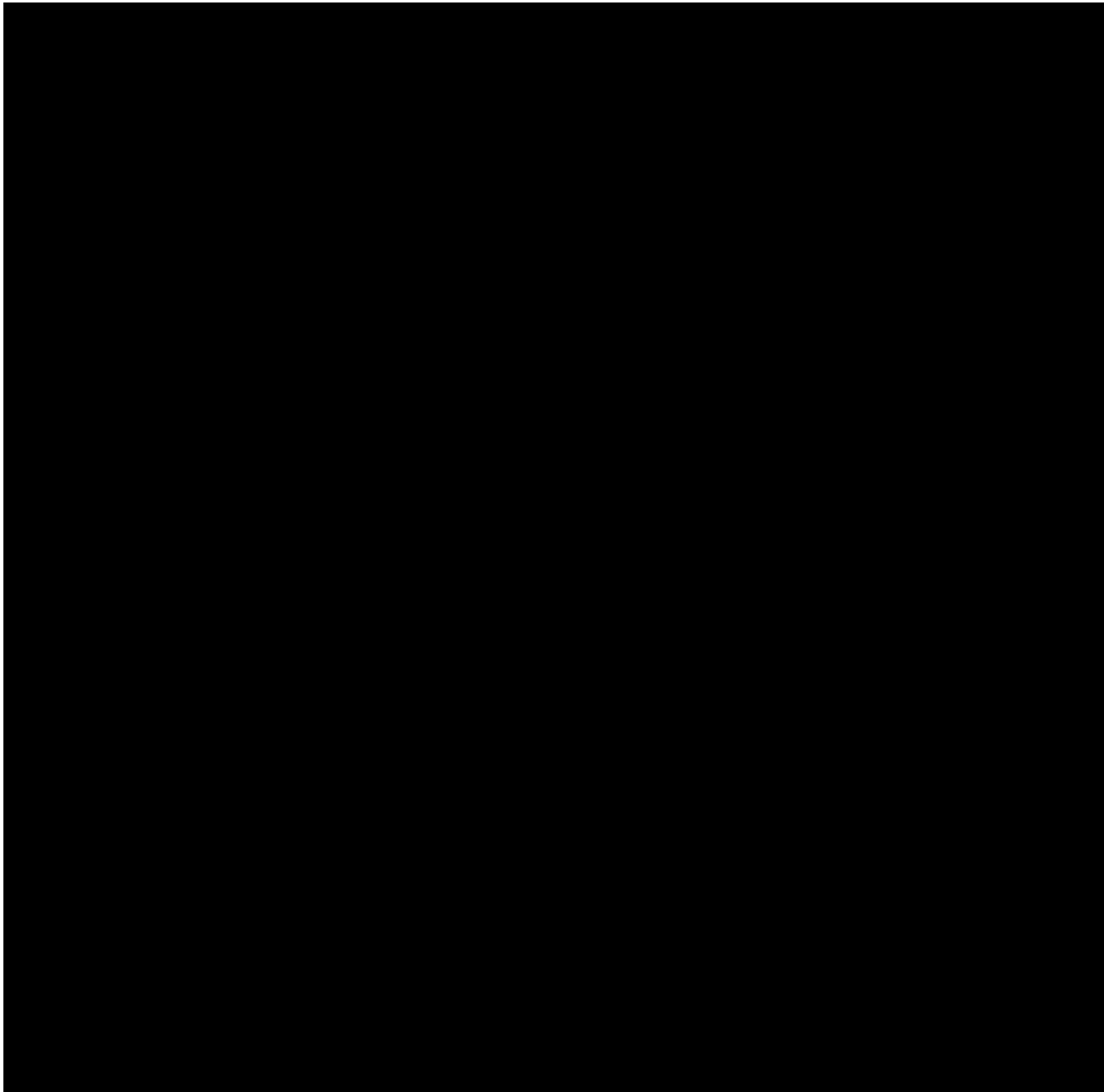
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INSTRUMENTATION SITE 29, TTMTR  
46 20 N - 64 48 E

25X1D

THIS SITE (SEE CIA/HTA/JR-4/58) APPEARS ON FAR OBLIQUE,  
EXTREMELY SMALL SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY. NO CHANGE IS APPARENT,  
BUT NO DETAILED INTERPRETATION CAN BE GIVEN.



25X2

C. AIRFIELDS

- 1. ANDIZHAN AIRFIELD  
40 43 N - 72 17 E

25X1D



NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED BECAUSE OF CLOUDS AND HAZE

AT LEAST 8,600 X 220 FT NE/SW BLACKTOP RUNWAY CLEAR OF SNOW

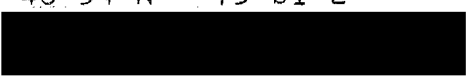
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CLOUDS AND HAZE PRECLUDE DESCRIPTION OF FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION SHOWN ON PHOTOGRAPHY



- 2. BALKHASH AIRFIELD  
46 54 N - 75 01 E

25X1D

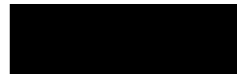


NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED

6,300 X 330 FT NE/SW DIRT RUNWAY  
4,900 X 400 FT NE/SW DIRT RUNWAY  
4,200 X 500 FT NE/SW DIRT RUNWAY

25X1D

NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE SINCE PHOTOGRAPHY



- 3. DOLON AIRFIELD  
50 33 N - 79 13 E

25X1D



AIRCRAFT OBSERVED 14 BEAR, 8 BADGER, 2 BULL, 1 CAB

13,000 X 225 FT E/W CONCRETE RUNWAY

A WEAPONS LOADING AREA IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE AIRFIELD.

25X9



25X1D 4. DZHEZKAZGAN AIRFIELD  
47 42 N - 67 44 E

AIRCRAFT OBSERVED 1 CAB, 1 UNDETERMINED LIAISON  
AIRCRAFT

4,600 X 340 FT N/S DIRT RUNWAY  
4,000 X 235 FT ENE/WSW DIRT RUNWAY

COORDINATES DIFFER FROM THOSE LISTED IN ASSOTW.

25X1D 5. NEW AIRFIELD 115 NM ESE OF DZHEZKAZGAN  
APPROXIMATELY 47 15 N - 70 15 E

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED

3,700 X 200 FT NW/SE DIRT RUNWAY

THIS APPEARS TO BE A SUPPORT AIRFIELD FOR AN  
INTERFEROMETER SITE

25X1D 6. LUGOVOYE AIRFIELD  
42 58 N - 72 43 E

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED BECAUSE OF EXTREME SMALL SCALE

25X1D TWO RUNWAYS SHOWN ON PHOTOGRAPHY APPEAR THE  
SAME, BUT EXTREME SMALL SCALE PRECLUDES MEASUREMENT OR  
DESCRIPTION.

25X1D 7. MARY AIRFIELD  
37 36 N - 61 48 E

AIRCRAFT OBSERVED 1 CRATE, 5 CAB, 7 UNDETERMINED  
LIAISON AIRCRAFT, 8 HOUND

5,000 X 290 FT ENE/WSW DIRT RUNWAY

25X1D SINCE PHOTOGRAPHY THE THREE SHORT RUNWAYS  
HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO TAXIWAYS.



8. MARY NORTH AIRFIELD  
37 39 N - 61 49 E

25X1D

[REDACTED]  
AIRCRAFT OBSERVED 72 FAGOT/FRESCO, 1 CREEK

8,200 X 165 FT N/S BLACKTOP RUNWAY

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY. ASSOTW  
LISTS RUNWAY AS 10,500 X 180 FT.

9. MARY NORTHEAST AIRFIELD  
37 37 N - 61 54 E

25X1D

[REDACTED]  
AIRCRAFT OBSERVED 33 FAGOT/FRESCO

7,000 X 185 FT N/S BLACKTOP RUNWAY

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY

10. NEW AIRFIELD 15 NM SW OF SARY SHAGAN  
46 01 N - 73 35 E

25X1D

[REDACTED]  
AIRCRAFT OBSERVED 9 BADGER, 14 BEAGLE, 3 FLASHLIGHT,  
14 FAGOT/FRESCO, 1 CAMP, 4 CRATE, 5 CAB, 9 COLT, 9  
UNDETERMINED LIAISON AIRCRAFT, 5 HOUND

9,850 X 185 FT NE/SW CONCRETE RUNWAY

THIS AIRFIELD IS IN LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. RUNWAY  
IS COMPLETE AND OPERATIONAL, TAXIWAY AT EAST END OF  
RUNWAY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, LARGE SUPPORT AREAS ARE  
IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. ONE MEDIUM SIZED  
HANGAR COMPLETE AND ONE LARGE HANGAR UNDER CONSTRUCTION.  
A LARGE POSSIBLE AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE COMPLEX IS UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION ADJACENT TO THE AIRFIELD.

11. DIRT STRIP 18 NM SSW OF SARY SHAGAN  
45 56 N - 73 35 E

25X1D

[REDACTED]  
STRIP IS 16,300 X 260 FT, ORIENTED NE/SW. IT IS LOCATED  
4.5 NM SE OF THE NEW AIRFIELD 18 NM SW OF SARY SHAGAN.  
NO AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED.

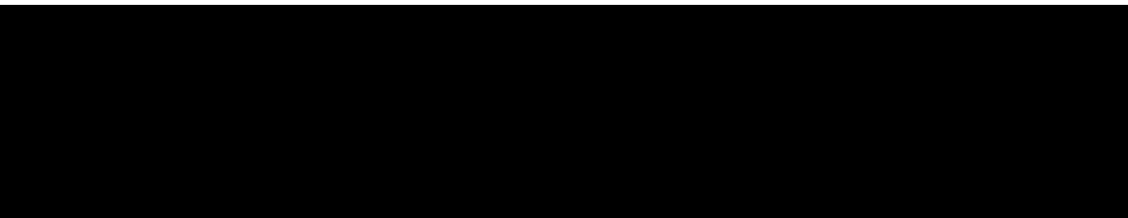
12. SEMIPALATINSK AIRFIELD

50 21 N - 80 14 E



AIRCRAFT OBSERVED 1 BULL, 2 CRATE, 3 CAB, 6 PROBABLE COLT, 7 PROBABLE CREEK

10,500 X 270 FT ENE/WSW CONCRETE RUNWAY  
3,400 X 270 FT N/S CONCRETE RUNWAY



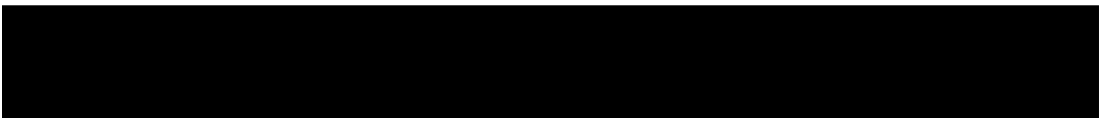
13. NEW AIRFIELD 5 NM SE OF SEMIYARSKOYE

50 48 N - 78 30 E



AIRCRAFT OBSERVED 5 CAB

6,300 X 200 FT NW/SE RUNWAY, TYPE OF SURFACE UNDETERMINED DUE TO SNOW COVER  
4,100 X 200 FT ENE/WSW DIRT RUNWAY



14. AIRFIELDS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BUT NOT CONFIRMED BECAUSE OF HAZE OR OVERCAST

KUGAY AIRFIELD  
40 58 N - 72 04 E

STALINO AIRFIELD  
40 43 N - 72 03 E

D. MINING AND MILLING

DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN MINING AND MILLING ACTIVITIES IN THE FERGANA VALLEY AND MAYLI SAY AREAS IS PRECLUDED BY POOR COVERAGE RESULTING, VARIOUSLY, FROM HAZE, CLOUDS, AND EXTREMELY SMALL SCALE. NOTED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ALONG THE FLIGHT PATH ARE ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM SMALL PROSPECTING-TYPE TO LARGE OPEN-PIT MINING OPERATIONS.

E. MAJOR INSTALLATIONS & AREAS

BALKHASH-

46 49 N - 75 00 E [REDACTED]

25X1D

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GOOD COVERAGE OF THE ENTIRE CITY, AFFECTED ONLY BY SMOKE FROM THE BALKHASH COPPER SMELTING PLANT. CITY APPEARS BASICALLY UNCHANGED SINCE [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY. A PROBABLE BY-PRODUCT PLANT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE COPPER SMELTING PLANT. THERE IS A NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH SECTION OF THE CITY.

DZHEZKAZGAN COMPLEX

47 48 N - 67 44 E [REDACTED]

25X1D

25X1D

EXCELLENT COVERAGE SHOWS HOUSING AREAS AND RAIL-SERVED INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING A LARGE COPPER ORE DRESSING PLANT, AND COPPER MINING.

KARKARALINSK

49 24 N - 75 28 E [REDACTED]

25X1D

25X1D

THE CITY IS COVERED BY GOOD PHOTOGRAPHY, WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS IN THE ENVIRONS. LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM SW OF THE CITY IS A PROBABLE MISSILE TRACKING STATION SIMILAR TO TWO OTHER STATIONS, AT CHELKAR AND DZHEZKAZGAN. THE STATION CONSISTS OF THREE AREAS -- ONE AREA HAS TWO TOKEN-TYPE RADARS, ONE HAS TWO GROUPS OF THREE VEHICLES AND ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS, AND THE THIRD AREA HAS A SUPPORT FUNCTION.

MARY

37 36 N - 61 51 E [REDACTED]

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CITY IS COMPLETELY COVERED BY GOOD PHOTOGRAPHY, WHICH SHOWS NEW CONSTRUCTION, OPEN STORAGE, LIGHT INDUSTRIES, AND MODERATE RAIL TRAFFIC.

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SEMIPALATINSK  
50 25 N - 80 15 E



GOOD COVERAGE OF THE ENTIRE CITY. THE CEMENT PLANT IN THE SOUTH SECTION OF THE CITY, WHICH APPEARED UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY, IS IN OPERATION. THERE HAS BEEN A GENERAL URBAN EXPANSION IN THE NORTH AND EAST SECTIONS OF THE CITY.

F. OTHER INSTALLATIONS & AREAS

CHAGAN  
50 37 N - 79 15 E



THE CITY, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 3 NM NORTH OF DOLON AIRFIELD, IS COVERED BY CLEAR OBLIQUE PHOTOGRAPHY. AN INCREASE IS EVIDENT IN THE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES OVER THOSE APPEARING ON [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY.

APPROXIMATELY 5 NM SE OF CHAGAN, AT 50 35N - 79 22E, IS A RAIL SPUR AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES, ALSO COVERED BY [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY (SEE CIA/HTA/M-18/58). THE NEW COVERAGE SHOWS THE ADDITION OF 3 RECTANGULAR BUILDINGS, ONE OF WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

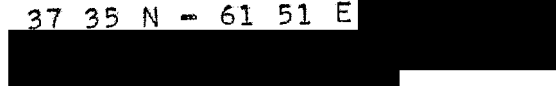
CHARSKIY  
49 34 N - 81 05 E



GOOD QUALITY FAR OBLIQUE PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS A SMALL RAILROAD YARD AND AN AGRICULTURAL STORAGE YARD IN THE BUILT-UP AREA OF THIS TOWN.

G. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

MILITARY COMPLEX, MARY  
37 35 N - 61 51 E



THIS COMPLEX, MADE UP OF 3 MILITARY AREAS, CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 33 TWO-STORY BARRACKS, 118 VEHICLE STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS, NUMEROUS ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AT LEAST 350 VEHICLES, AND APPROXIMATELY 50 PROBABLE ARTILLERY PIECES.

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MILITARY-INSTALLATION AT BAYRAM-ALI  
37 37 N - 62 10 E

[REDACTED]

INSTALLATION APPEARS UNCHANGED SINCE PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 16 NM EAST OF MARY.  
EMPLACEMENTS IN AND AROUND THE TRAINING AREA INDICATE THAT  
THIS IS AN INFANTRY INSTALLATION. FEATURES AT THE  
INSTALLATION INCLUDE 2 LARGE U-SHAPED BARRACKS, 2 MOTOR  
POOLS AND 2 ATHLETIC FIELDS.

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