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ICBM COMPLEX,
VERKHNYAYA SALDA, USSR
LAUNCH AREAS H AND I



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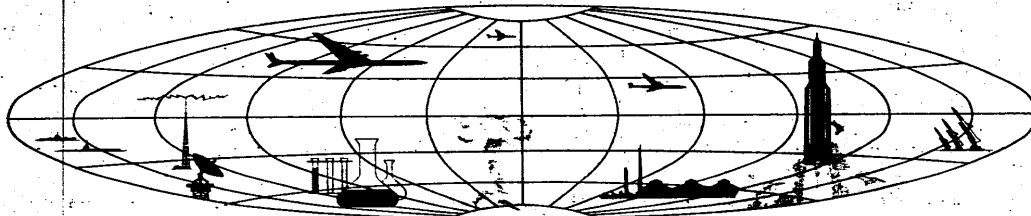
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This report, based on KEYHOLE photography through [REDACTED] updates NPIC R-240 '64, dated April 1964. 14

LAUNCH AREA H

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Launch Area H, located in a wooded area 6.0 nm northwest of the complex support facility, consists of a completed Type IID launch site and a site support facility. The launch area was not present in [REDACTED] and was in an early stage of construction when first observed, [REDACTED]

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structures. A cableway extends from the south end of the control building toward the center of each pad, where an erector shelter is located. Ground scars extend from forward of the pads to points outside the security fence. [REDACTED]

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A double security fence is visible around three sides of the launch site and encloses an area of approximately 2,300 by 2,000 feet. Two earth-banked missile-ready buildings, one in line and one canted outward about 35 degrees, are behind the left pad. One earth-banked missile-ready building, canted outward about 60 degrees, is behind the right pad. Two earth-mounded canted buildings are inboard of each pad. In the center of the site there are two large earth-mounded buildings, one of which is the control building, and three small earth-mounded

A relatively small site support facility immediately east of the launch site contains approximately 29 buildings, most of which are small miscellaneous structures. There are five barracks and four probable barracks present. A power trace extends from the trace along the complex main road, terminating at the site support facility, and a ground scar paralleling the access road also terminates there.

LAUNCH AREA I

Launch Area I, located in a wooded area 7.2 nm northeast of the complex support facility, consists of a completed Type IID launch site and a site support facility. The launch area was not present in [REDACTED] and was first observed in [REDACTED]

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The launch site, approximately 2,400 by 1,750 feet, is probably enclosed by a double security fence although it cannot be seen in its entirety. One large missile-ready building, canted outward approximately 5 degrees, is behind the left pad and earth is apparently banked against its sides. Two earth-mounded

canted buildings are inboard of each pad. At the center of the site there are two earth-mounded buildings, one of which is the control building, and two small structures (one earth mounded). A cableway extends from the south end of the control building toward the center of each pad, where an erector shelter is located. A small earth-mounded structure is located to the rear of each launch pad. A [REDACTED]

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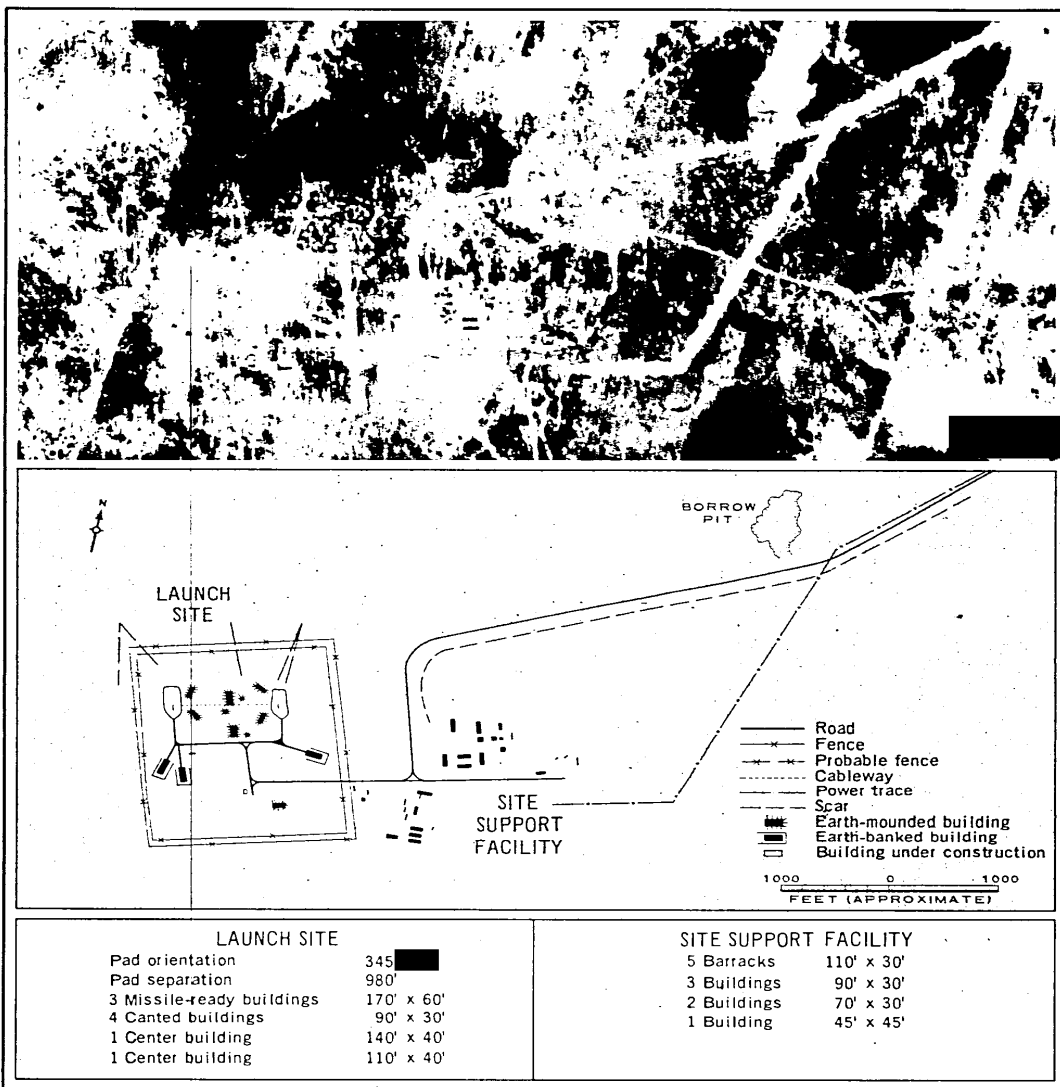


FIGURE 1. VERKHNYAYA SALDA LAUNCH AREA H.

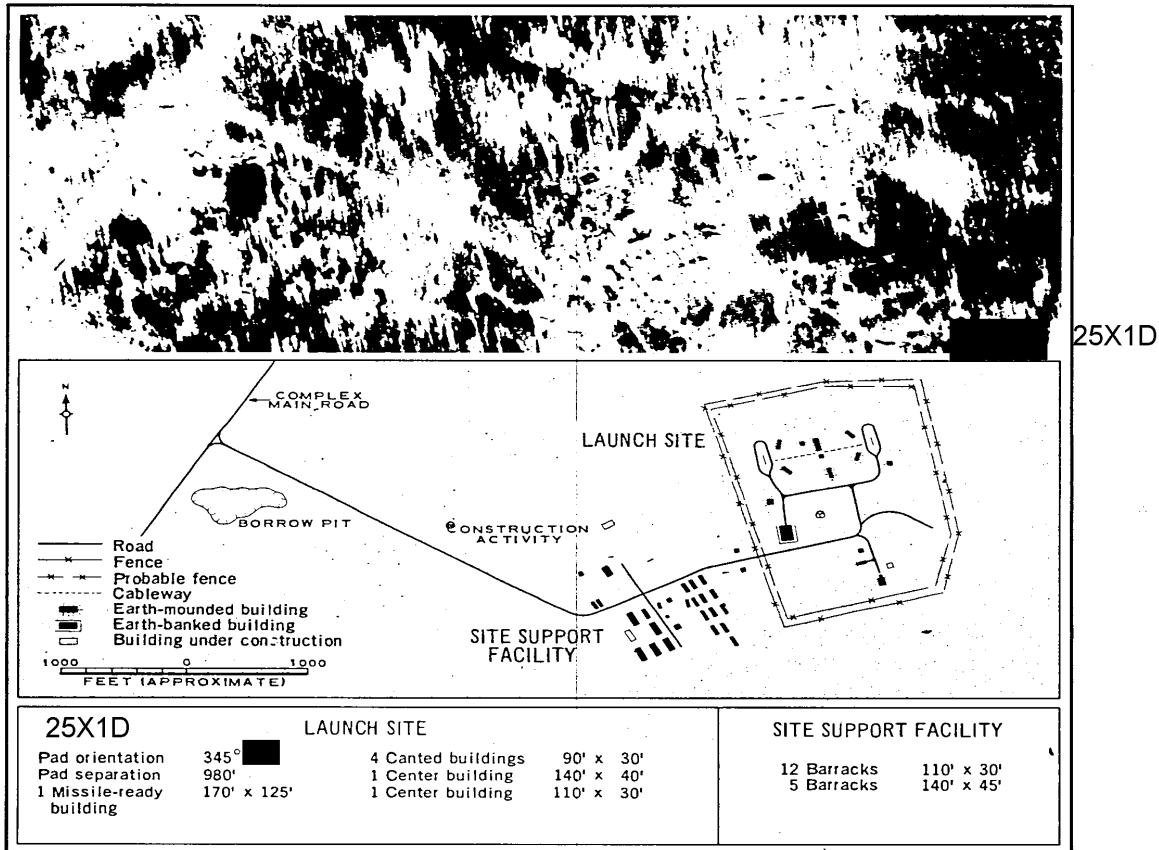


FIGURE 2. VERKHNYAYA SALDA LAUNCH AREA I.

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into the facility has a small projection extending from the front of the structure and higher than the earth mounding. This may contain a hoist mechanism. The other earth-mounded building has a drive-in entrance.

The site support facility is west-southwest

of the launch site and contains approximately 34 buildings, 17 of which are barracks. The remainder are various size miscellaneous structures, including those in an area of construction activity on the northwest side of the access road.

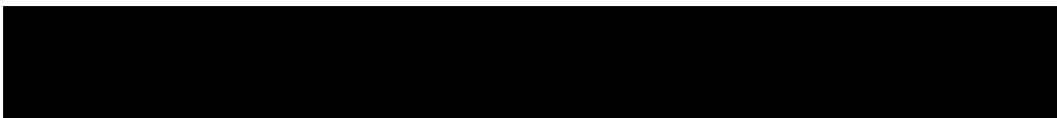
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