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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Defensive Systems Division, OSI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Air-Launched Missile Storage Facilities at Baranovichi Airfield (53-05N 26-02E), USSR

REFERENCES: (a) Requirement C-SI-4-81,443
(b) CIA/PID Project C 873-64

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 26 May 1964 which requests determination of the purpose and history of the possible ASM facilities at Baranovichi Airfield, USSR.

2. All photographic coverage of Baranovichi Airfield, i.e., since the first [REDACTED] coverage of [REDACTED] was studied and compared with published photo interpretation reports in order to determine the function of the reported possible ASM facility at this fighter/bomber base. Two photo interpretation reports (1) DIA UPIR 9057-0366 (Sep 63) and (2) [REDACTED] reported a possible ASM facility at Baranovichi Airfield located northwest of the center of the runway on the technical support side of the airfield (see Figures 1 and 2).

a. This facility was first noted on [REDACTED] the first useable coverage of Baranovichi since early [REDACTED] coverage. It appeared approximately eighty percent complete at that time. All of the major buildings were present with the exception of one storage building. Mission [REDACTED] showed this last building to be under construction (Attachment 2). In comparison with the latest coverage [REDACTED] the facility appeared essentially the same in [REDACTED]

b. However, a subsequent [REDACTED] identified this missile storage facility at Baranovichi Airfield as a typical fighter/bomber base air-to-air missile storage facility. A comparative study of the Baranovichi facility with other AAM facilities versus ASM facilities at other airfields shows this Baranovichi facility to be a fairly typical AAM facility.

c. This heavily secured site contains four medium drive-in storage buildings, one small drive-in building, one medium probable drive-through check-out building, one other medium probable drive-in storage building, and six other small support buildings.

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3. Very significant, however, is the facility located between the AAM facility and the loop hardstands which was previously identified (DIA UPIR 9057-0366) as a possible final check-out area for ASMs (see Figures 1 and 3). This facility may be a complete ASM facility, i.e., storage and check-out. This secured facility contains two drive-by possible missile storage buildings, three small support buildings, and a "T"-shaped possible storage check-out building which has two levels. The long center section is the highest section.

The "T"-shaped building was under construction in [redacted] coverage) and at that time it appeared to be approximately eighty percent complete. The next coverage of this facility in [redacted] showed the three major buildings to be present and the facility appeared basically unchanged when compared to recent 1964 coverage [redacted]. A new probable perimeter road around the possible check-out building is apparent on this latest coverage [redacted] which is snow covered.

4. It is extremely difficult to determine the exact operational status of the weapons loading pits at Baranovichi, but a brief summary of this condition may be beneficial to the requestor. [redacted]

[redacted] no other weapons loading pits have been constructed since [redacted]. The dimensions of the loading pits as taken from the 1956 [redacted] coverage are:

Two (2) pits - 65 by 15 feet
One (1) pit - 75 by 15 feet
One (1) pit - 85 by 15 feet

The weapons loading pit status from [redacted] coverage is as follows:

Pit or Hardstand Condition

Three (3) pit hardstands cleared of snow, pits not visible.
Loading pits visible - open.
Loading pits not discernible.
Loading pits visible - open.
Loading pits not discernible.
Loading pits visible - open.
Loading pits not discernible.

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Pit or Hardstand Condition

One (1) pit, possibly open.

Loading pits visible - open.

Loading pits not discernible.

One (1) pit hardstand cleared of snow, pit not discernible.

All pit hardstands snow-covered.

All pit hardstands snow-covered but one pit appeared open.

5. A history of the aircraft reported at Baranovichi from photographic coverage reveals that Blinder aircraft have been present at Baranovichi since at least [redacted]. Badger aircraft have been present since the initial 1956 [redacted] coverage along with unidentified fighter aircraft, but on [redacted] sixteen Fishpots and twenty-two Fresco/Farmer aircraft were identified through scattered clouds. The Blinder aircraft have been parked, on all coverage reported, on the loop hardstands opposite the weapons loading pits.

6. The final question to be answered in this memorandum is whether weapons loading pits are necessary for ASMs. At the two heavy bomber airfields where KANGAROO (AS-3) missiles have been identified, Dolon and Chepelenka, weapons loading pits exist. On the other hand, weapons loading pits have not been identified at some of the medium bomber bases which have ASM storage facilities.

7. The photo analyst on this project is [redacted] who may be contacted on extension [redacted] should you have any further questions concerning this project.

8. This project is considered to be [redacted]

Enclosures:

Three (3) line drawings
(CIA/PID/NEB-P-518 thru P-520/64)

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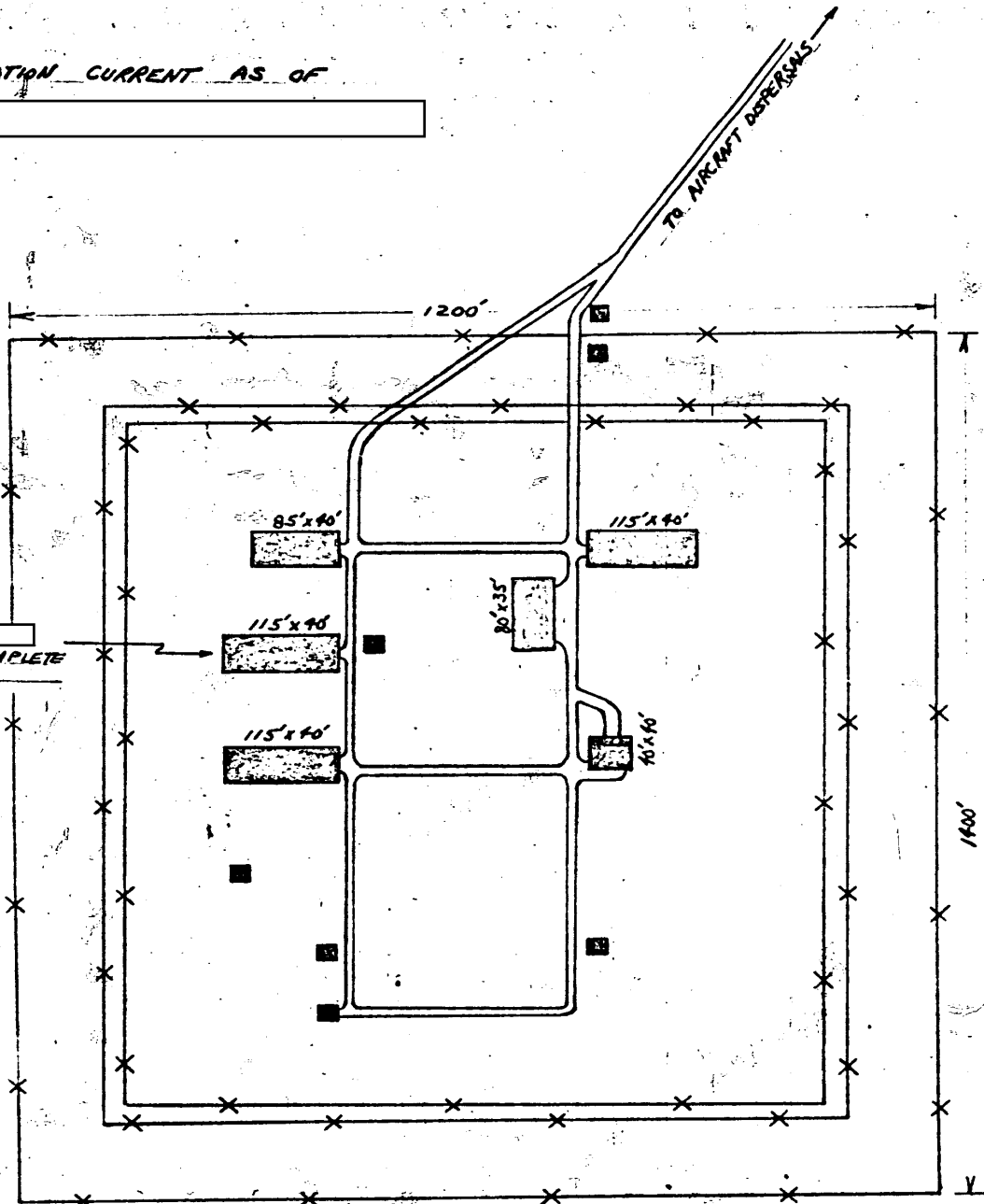
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AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE STORAGE FACILITY

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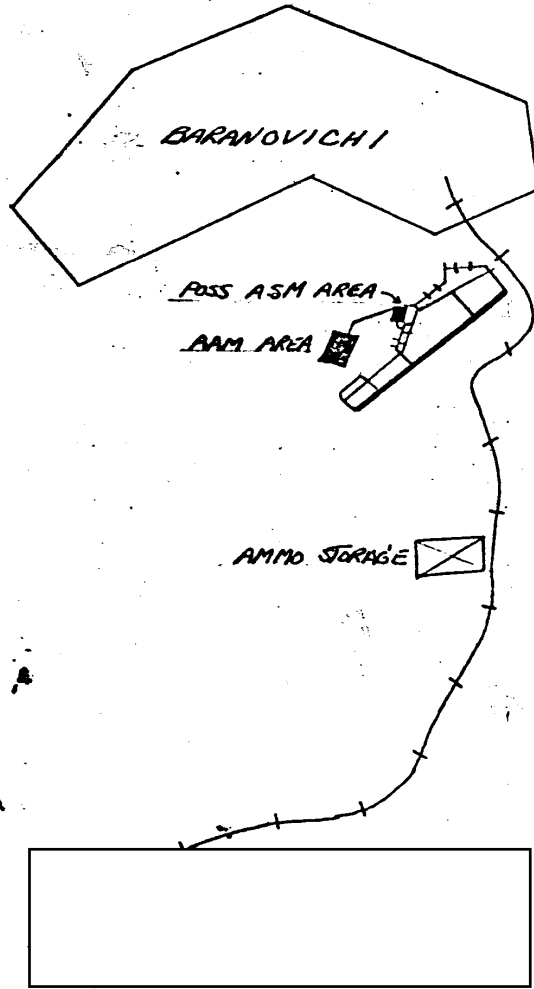


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WEAPONS STORAGE AREAS AT
BARANOVICHI AIRFIELD 53-05N 26-02E

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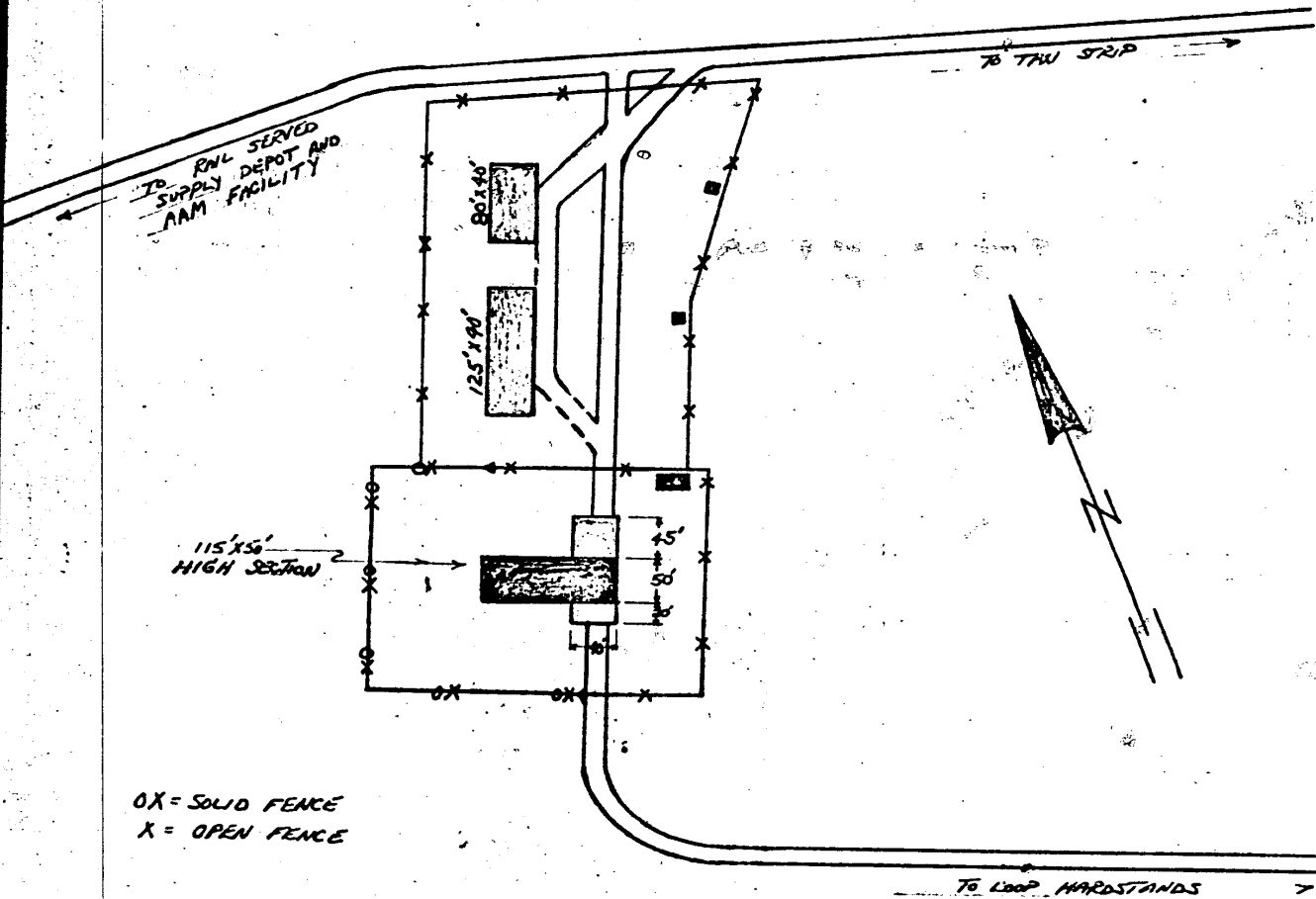
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POSSIBLE AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE STORAGE

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