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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

ATTENTION : Mr. Walter Elder

SUBJECT : Preliminary Comments on [redacted] and Follow-up
Comments on [redacted]

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1. The following comments represent the DD/I assessment of information available from the first daily report on [redacted]

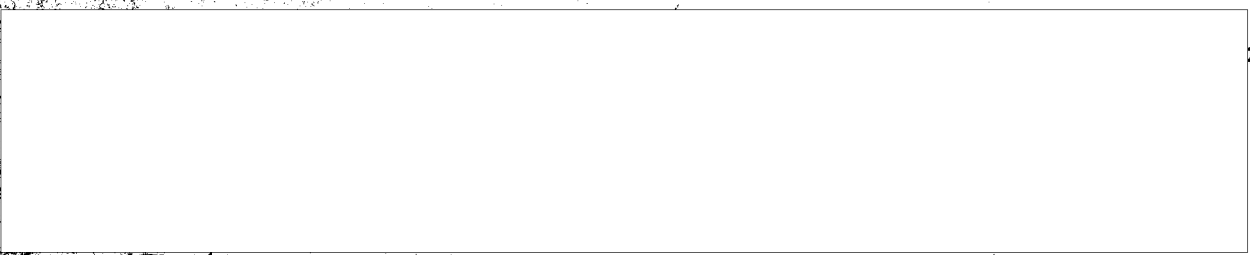
*NPIC says
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is [redacted] wide!
OSI & ORR
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Maybe
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MISSILES

The mission produced the best KH coverage of the Tyura Tam missile test rangehead to date and for the first time in any available photography shows a probable ICBM in launch position together with its associated ground support equipment. Further analysis may provide significant additional information on the characteristics of this missile system.



AIRCRAFT

The mission confirmed [redacted] the presence of a small number of Blinder supersonic dash jet medium bombers at Baranovichi airfield. (4407) — We hold 8 as operational in AOB

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2. Further analysis of [redacted] has resulted in the discovery of a surface-to-air missile launch site near Shih-men, about 175 miles southwest of Peiping. The site appears to be completed, but we do not know whether it is operational. The disclosure of this site brings to five the number of identified SAM sites in Communist China other than at the Shuangshentzu test range. Only one of these sites -- located in the Sian area -- is known to be operational, and it may be used for training purposes. The operational status of three other sites in the Peiping area has not been determined.

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these are
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locations. [redacted]
they're closer
to [redacted]*

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