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The report is concerned with several installations in the Murmansk area.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT

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A more detailed analysis could be made of the photographs if certain photo data were available, including focal length, altitude, original format, and time of day. In the absence of such data, no attempt was made to determine the heights of the objects.

The area covered by pictures A, B, C, and D is in what was formerly the Finnish Corridor. The town of Pechenga (Petsamo) is about 12 kilometers (km) from the Soviet-Norwegian border. It is about 95 km northwest of Murmansk and about 270 km north-northwest of Kandalakscha.

The locations of items numbered "2" and "3" are precisely plotted on the accompanying sketch. Item No. "1" is also shown, but since no vertical photography has yet been found of that particular area, it is not located quite so precisely as the other two.

Item No. "1" appears to be an antennae farm, possibly two rhombic arrays. Without CX coverage it is not known whether this installation is new. Neither is it known whether the military type area to the south is a post-war camp or a former Finnish installation. The geographic coordinates from the center of Item No. "1" are 69-31-35N and 31-19-20E. The orientation of the arrays has not been precisely determined, but the side which is most nearly parallel with the bottom of the picture is in a north-south direction. The other appears to be oriented on a line between Murmansk and Pechanga.

Item No. "2" appears to be a grid network similar to the ground-to-air launching sites that have been noted in the Moscow area. There are three longitudinal roads and seven transverse roads, all of which have recently been cleared of snow. The complex is approximately 875 feet long, 500 feet wide at the wide end, and 300 feet wide at the narrow end. The center road is on an azimuth of approximately 340° from true north. The approximate geographic coordinates of the center of the grid are 69-31-15N and 31-16-54E. The installation across the main highway from the road network is directly in line

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looking for
more Herrington
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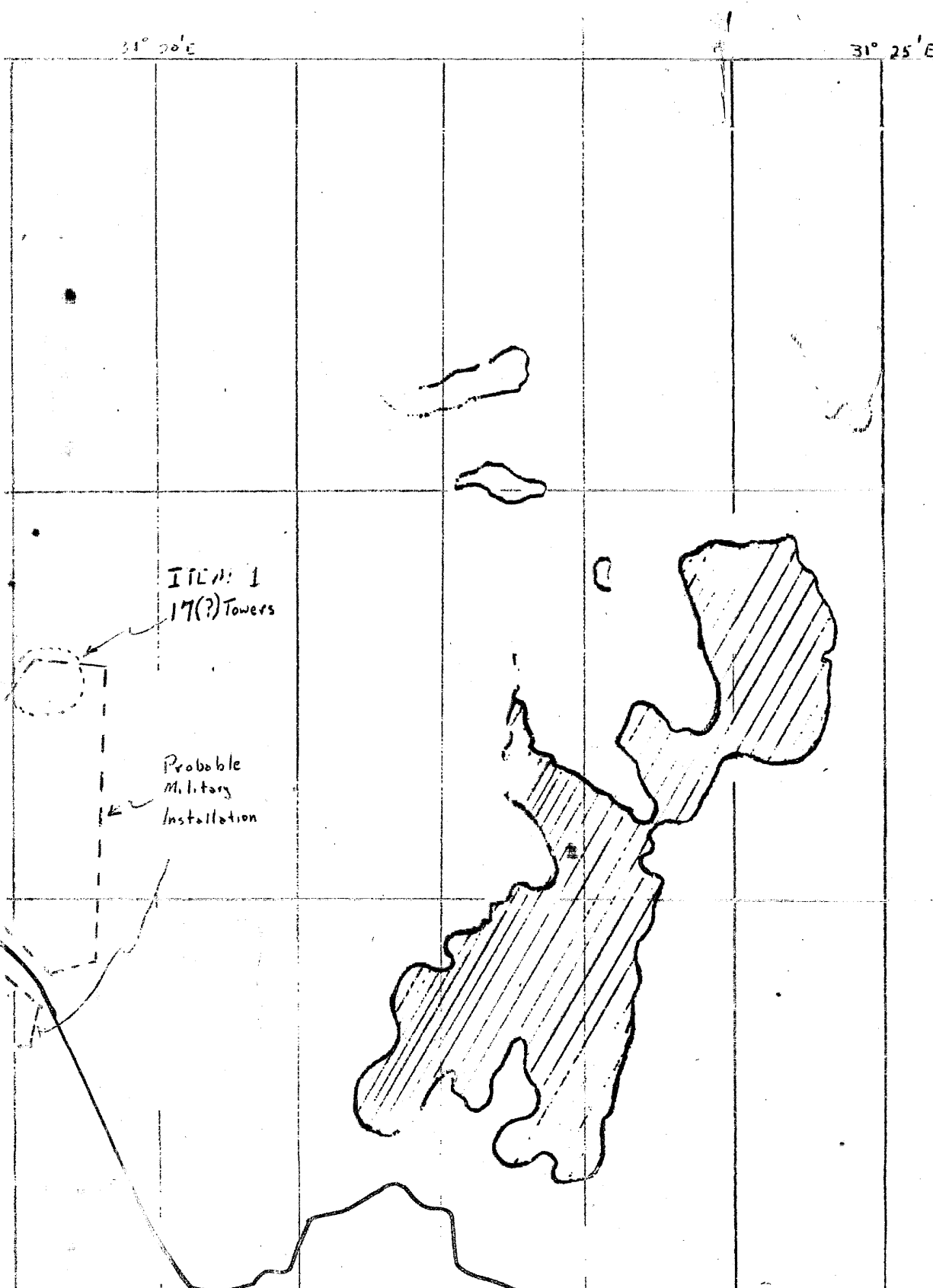
25X1D with the center road of the grid complex, but this group of buildings is imaged on [REDACTED] and it is impossible to tell whether or not any new buildings, such as a "Yo-Yo" bunker, have been added.

Item No. "3" is a group of six objects that are similar in appearance to wooden pylons used by the Soviets for power transmission lines. The location and grouping, however, indicate that they are for some other purpose. It is possible that they constitute another antennae array. These objects were not in evidence on GX photography. They are located near the top of a hill overlooking the Pechenga River. Trees have been cleared from the area since 1942. The geographic coordinates for item No. "3" are 69-30-50N and 31-9E.

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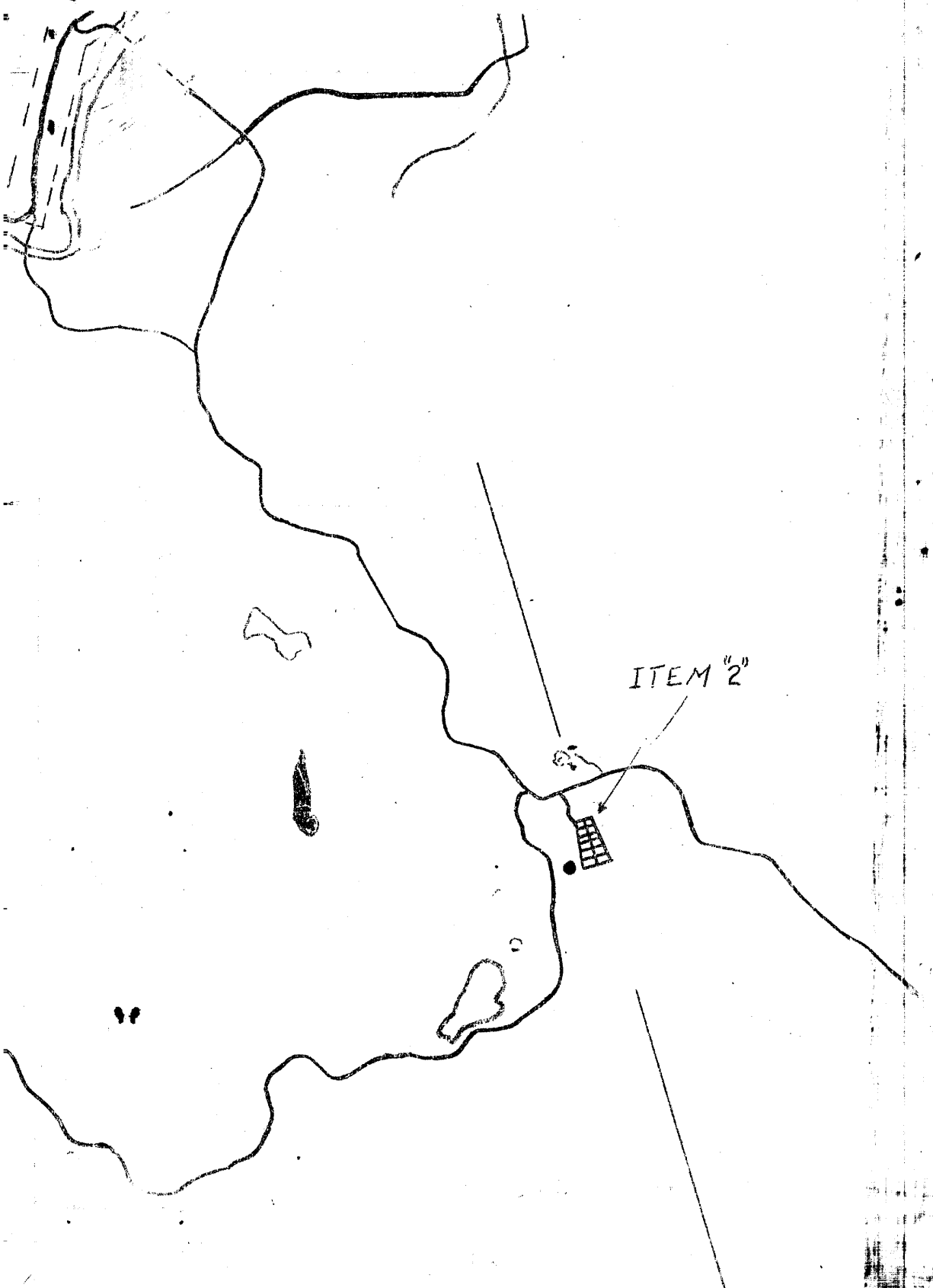
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