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SUBJECT AREA: ECONOMIC /GROUND FORCES, CHINA

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TITLE/SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST PHOTO IDENTIFICATION IN CHINA OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BEING USED IN A WEATHER MODIFICATION EFFORT

COMMENT: Three weather modification stations were identified (UCO) in Lan-chou Military Region (MR), China, [redacted] The stations consist of at least three barracks-type buildings, a probable ammo storage building, and a single AAA gun. The stations are dispersed within 20 NM of Ping-liang on the east side of Liu-pan-shan (mountains). A weather station and radar are located atop one of the higher ridges and presumably alert the stations as to when to fire into hail bearing clouds. Ping-liang Army Bks, located in the town, has storage for three AAA batteries, however, since only two were observed, it is possible that the dispersed AAA guns may belong to this unit. In a collateral report it states that "during the growing season of 1974, an undisclosed AAA battalion under the Lan-chou MR fired chemical shells into storm clouds....during the hail season."

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LOCATION(S) Ping-liang Army Bks

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