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H-3 AIRFIELD

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1. H-3 AIRFIELD HAS BEEN COVERED BY NUMEROUS TALENT MISSIONS BETWEEN DEC 56 AND FEB 60. IN SEP 63 ASSOTW REPORTED H-3 AIRFIELD, JUST SOUTH OF H-3 OIL PUMPING STATION AND 35.7 NM EAST OF THE JORDAN BORDER, WITH 3 OILED SAND RUNWAYS---6,000 X 150 FT ESE/WNW, 5,640 X 150 FT ESE/WNW, AND 4,500 X 150 FT N/S.
2. H-3 OIL PUMPING STATION IS ON THE KIRKUK/HAIFA OIL PIPELINE. THE 12 INCH PIPELINE WAS CUT AT THE ISRAEL-JORDAN BORDER IN 1948 AND WAS NOT USED AGAIN. CONSTRUCTION OF THE 16 INCH PIPELINE—ALONGSIDE THE 12 INCH LINE—HAD REACHED THE BORDER AT THIS TIME BUT WAS NOT CARRIED INTO ISRAEL BECUASE OF HOSTILITIES.

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4. A SUBSEQUENT UAC DECISION WAS REPORTED TO BE THE BUILDING OF A JET AIRFIELD AT H-3 WITH A 10,000 X 150 FT MAIN RUNWAY TO BE READY BY JAN 65 AND A SECONDARY RUNWAY OF 10,000 X 65 FT TO BE READY IN MAY 65.

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6. THIS MISSION IS THE FIRST SYSTEM COVERAGE OF H-3 AIRFIELD SINCE

[REDACTED] THIS MISSION REVEALS A 10,060 X 145 FT ESE/WNW
BLACKTOP RUNWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION WITH A 710-FOOT CONCRETE TOUCHDOWN
PORTION ON EACH END, AND A 685-FOOT OVERRUN ON THE WNW END. THE
CONCRETE TOUCHDOWN PORTION ON THE WNW END APPEARS COMPLETE WHILE
THE ESE PORTION IS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. A SECOND
RUNWAY IS [REDACTED] PROBABLE OILED, EARTH SURFACE RUNWAY,
SERVICEABLE. FACILITIES INCLUDE A PARALLEL TAXIWAY ON THE NORTH SIDE
OF THE BLACKTOP RUNWAY WITH 2 END CROSSOVERS AND 2 LINK CROSSOVERS.
TWO PARKING APRONS ARE LOCATED ON THE TAXIWAY. THE APRONS AND TAXI-
WAYS APPEAR TO BE OILED SAND AND CLAY. THE H-3 PUMPING STATION ON
THE KIRKUK/HAIFA OIL PIPELINE IS LOCATED NORTH OF THE WNW END OF
THE BLACKTOP RUNWAY. ONE LARGE POL STORAGE TANK IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION
AND 2 BASES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 2 MEDIUM POL STORAGE TANKS ARE LOCATED
IN THE PUMPING STATION. ONE STORAGE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY WEST OF
THE PUMPING STATION IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. A TOKEN RADAR AND
PROBABLE KNIFE REST/FISH NET RADAR ARE LOCATED 3,000 FT WEST OF THE
SOUTH END OF THE N/S RUNWAY. NO AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED.

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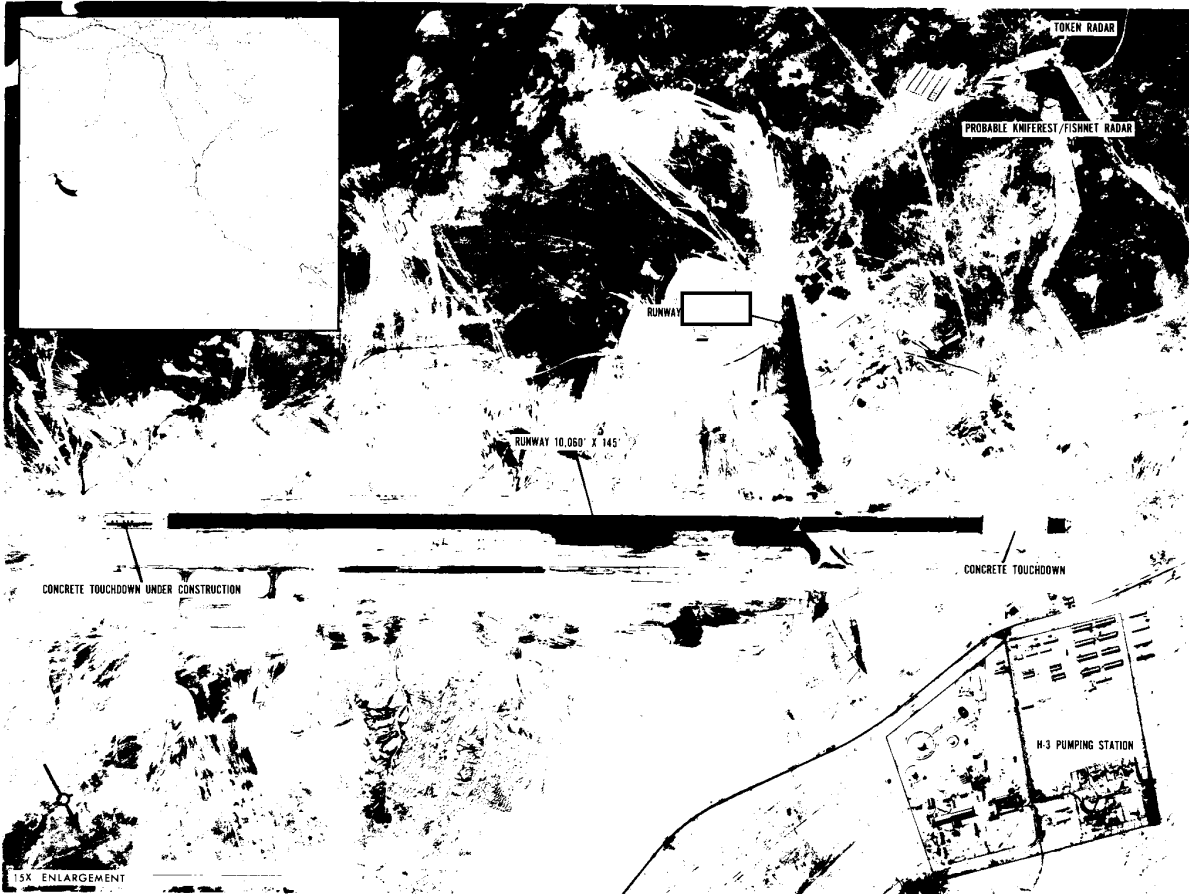
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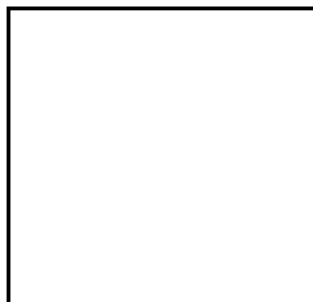


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