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AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION TAMALE, GHANA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

SOVIET AIDED MILITARY AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION
IN NORTHERN GHANA.

2. REMARKS:

ON 9 JANUARY 1964, AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY THE GHANA DEFENSE MINISTER AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MILITARY AIRFIELD NEAR TAMALE, GHANA. THIS AIRFIELD WAS TO BE EXTENSIVELY EQUIPPED AND WOULD SERVE AS A PROMINENT JET FIGHTER AIRFIELD WHICH COULD ALSO ACCOMMODATE MODERN HEAVY JET AIRCRAFT. THE PROPOSED RUNWAY LENGTH OF 11,483 FEET IS WELL OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY POSSESSED BY THE GHANA AIR FORCE.

3. LOCATION:

APPROXIMATELY 10 NM NORTH OF TAMALE, GHANA AT 0934N 0051W.

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5.	FIRST IDENTIFICATION:	
6.	NEGATION DATE:	PHOTOGRAPHY OVER THE AIRFIELD SITE IN MAY 1965 SHOWED NO GROUND CLEARING FOR RUNWAYS AT THAT TIME
7.	SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: DIMENSIONS/ SPECIFICATIONS:	CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF A CLEARING 14,215 FT IN LENGTH, ORIENTED NE/SW. GRADING INDICATES RUNWAY WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 200 FT WIDE.
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MISSION READOUT: THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT THE RUNWAY AREA CONSISTS OF A CLEARING 14,215 FT IN LENGTH ORIENTED NE/SW. FURTHER GRADING AT THE NE END OF THE CLEARING INDICATES A RUNWAY WIDTH OF APPROXIMATELY 200 FT. NO AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED.

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDE A SUPPORT AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION IMME-DIATELY SE OF THE NE END OF THE CLEARING AND 2 PROBABLE HOUSING AREAS (NOT ANNOTATED). ONE IS IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE SUPPORT AREA AND THE OTHER IS 5 NM NORTH OF TAMALE.



