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POL STORAGE AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION

KAI-YUAN, CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

NEWLY IDENTIFIED POL STORAGE AREA WHICH HAS SOME CHARACTERISTICS SIMILAR TO CHINA'S REGIONAL POL STORAGE INSTALLATIONS.

2. REMARKS:

REGIONAL PETROLEUM STORAGE INSTALLATIONS HAVE SEVERAL FEATURES THAT ARE NOT TYPICAL OF KNOWN POL STORAGE AREAS ELSEWHERE IN CHINA.

(A) A HEMISPHERICAL DOME COVERS EACH TANK-LIKE STRUCTURE. THE SIDES OF THE TANK ARE COMPLETELY COVERED WITH EARTH APPROXIMATELY TEN FEET THICK AT THE TOP, SLOPING TO 20-25 FEET THICK AT THE BOTTOM, SO THAT EACH TANK-LIKE STRUCTURE RESEMBLES A GIANT IGLOO.

(B) THE STRUCTURES ARE SPACED IN AN APPARENTLY RANDOM PATTERN FROM 100-500 FEET APART, POSSIBLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF RAVINE SPURS AND NATURAL TERRAIN FEATURES THAT PROVIDE

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ADDITIONAL SECURITY AND PROTECTION.

(C) EACH STRUCTURE APPEARS TO HAVE SEVEN VENTILATORS; ONE CENTERED AT THE TOP OF THE DOME, AND SIX SPACED AROUND THE EDGES.

(D) THE STRUCTURES ARE USUALLY BUILT ALONG THE SIDES OF RAVINES AT ELEVATIONS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE RAILHEAD FACILITY.

(E) LOCATING THESE INSTALLATIONS IN ISOLATED AREAS SOMETIMES REQUIRED THE CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNELS AND BRIDGES.

3. LOCATION: 4.7 NM SOUTHEAST OF KAI-YUAN AT 2339N 10318E.

4. COLLATERAL/COMINT: NONE.

5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:



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6. NEGATION DATE:

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: ONE KH-4 MISSION.

8. DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS: NONE.

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9. MISSION READOUT:

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STORAGE AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION CONSISTING OF 5 LARGE AND 5 SMALLER EXCAVATIONS FOR POL STORAGE TANKS, 27 SMALL STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AN EXCAVATION FOR A PROBABLE WAREHOUSE BUILDING, AND AN EXCAVATION FOR A PROBABLE RAIL SPUR AND RAILHEAD. A SMALL SUPPORT AREA, CONSISTING OF 23 BUILDINGS, IS LOCATED TO THE NORTH. FIVE TRUCKS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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FOR A POL STORAGE TANK (NOT COVERED BY PHOTOGRAPHY OF

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