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Reference to: MISSION 1107-2, DZUNGARIAN GATE  
USSR-CHINA BORDER

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THE DZUNGARIAN GATE AREA NEAR THE TOWN OF YUMIN, CHINA, IS THE SCENE OF THE REPORTED 13 AUGUST CLASH BETWEEN SOVIET AND CHINESE TROOPS.

2. LOCATION:

THE CENTER OF DZUNGARIAN GATE IS LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 45-12N 082-35E. DRUZHBA ARMY BARRACKS AL 1 IS 2 NM FROM THE BORDER AT 45-13-20N 082-29-10E. YUMIN IS IN SINKIANG PROVINCE, 1 NM EAST OF THE USSR CHINA BORDER AT 45-57-30N 082-32-00E, AND APPROXIMATELY 43 NM NORTH OF DRUZHBA.

3. REMARKS:

THE DZUNGARIAN GATE IS AN HISTORIC ACCESS ROUTE BETWEEN TURKESTAN AND CENTRAL ASIA. IT IS APPROXIMATELY 10 NM WIDE AND 40 NM IN LENGTH AND HAS A GENERAL ELEVATION OF 1,500 FEET WITH THE MOUNTAINS RISING TO OVER 7,000 FEET ON EITHER SIDE. DRUZHBA ARMY BARRACKS AL 1, THE ONLY SETTLEMENT IN THE GATE AREA, IS ALSO THE TERMINUS OF A RAIL LINE RUNNING

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SOUTH FROM AKTOGAY. ON THE LAST PHOTOGRAPHIC  
COVERAGE, [REDACTED], GROUND FORCE  
EQUIPMENT INCLUDING 35 TANKS, 5 ASSAULT GUNS, AND  
19 OTHER VEHICLES WAS OBSERVED AT DRUZBA BEING  
LOADED ONTO FLATCARS. [REDACTED]

FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO THE REPORTED SKIRMISH, NO  
VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OR OTHER EVIDENCE  
OF IMPENDING HOSTILITIES ARE OBSERVED.

HOWEVER, [REDACTED] 85 NM NW OF DRUZHBA,

NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED AT A SMALL  
MILITARY INSTALLATION ON THE EASTERN EDGE OF  
UCH-ARAL AT 46-10-30N 080-58-00E. AT LEAST 16  
BARRACKS AND 29 BUILDING FOUNDATIONS HAVE BEEN  
ADDED ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE BARRACKS SINCE

[REDACTED] THE HELIPORT WHICH HAS BEEN

HARD SURFACED SINCE [REDACTED] CONTAINS  
11 HARDSTANDS AND A SMALL LANDING STRIP AT LEAST  
20 LARGE AND 170 PYRAMIDAL TENTS AND AT LEAST  
220 VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT ARE OBSERVED  
IN THE AREA.

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4. COLLATERAL:



THE SOVIETS AND THE CHINESE

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REPORTED A CLASH BETWEEN BORDER GUARDS NEAR THE  
DZUNGARIAN GATE.

THE CHINESE ACCUSED THE SOVIETS OF CROSSING THE  
BORDER NEAR THE TOWN OF YUMIN WITH TWO HELICOPTERS,  
DOZENS OF TANKS AND ARMORED VEHICLES, AND SEVERAL  
HUNDRED ARMED TROOPS. IN THE CLASH WHICH FOLLOWED  
MANY CHINESE BORDER GUARDS WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED  
OR WOUNDED.

THE SOVIET UNION ACCUSED THE CHINESE OF CROSSING  
THE BORDER AND FIRING ON SOVIET BORDER GUARDS WHO  
WARNED THEM TO RETURN TO CHINA.

THE DZUNGARIAN GATE AREA IS THE SCENE OF BORDER  
INCIDENTS WHICH REPORTEDLY OCCURRED



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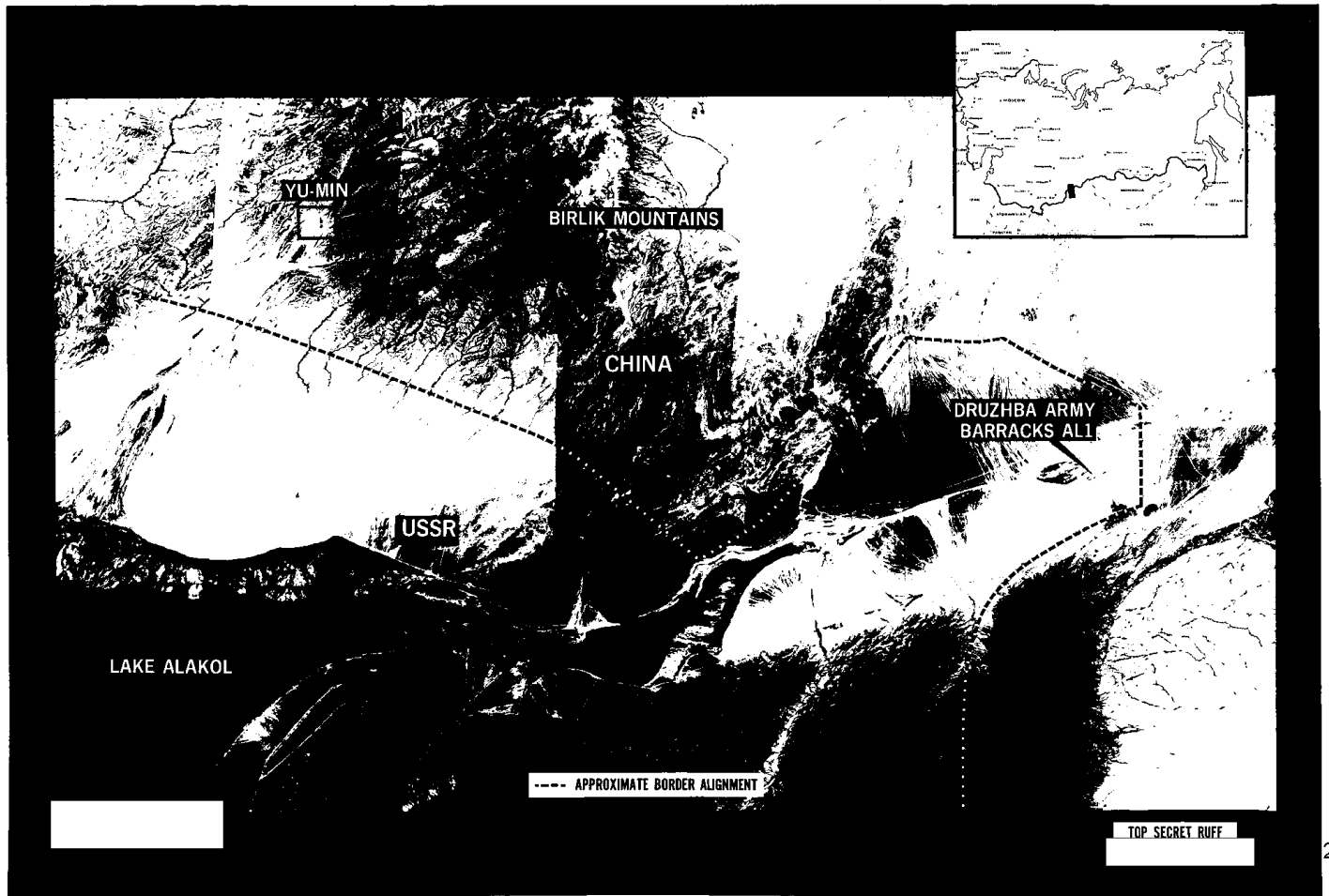
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