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Imagery analysis report

**SS-20 Remote Site at Drovyanaya
SSM Complex, USSR (TSR)**

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1. (TSR) On imagery of [redacted] three confirmed, SS-20 single-bay, sliding-roof garages were newly identified in a remote area (Figure 1) approximately 15 nautical miles (nm) northwest of Drovyanaya Rail-to-Road Transfer Point [redacted] within the Drovyanaya SSM Complex, USSR [redacted]. These are the first single-bay garages known to have been constructed outside the Strategic Rocket Force installations. Remote site I [redacted] is approximately 1 nm southeast of the Staraya Kuka Ordnance Supply Depot [redacted]. In addition to the closely spaced single-bay garages, the remote site consisted of two wooden support buildings, one small personnel-associated building, and two open-sided sheds. The area is secured by a single, solid perimeter fence. An access road connects the remote site to a main all-purpose road about 0.5 nm away. The looped roadway within the site has a prepared surface, but there are no paving blocks present (Figure 2).

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2. (TSR) The garage foundations were visible on [redacted]. At that time, the access road had been cut, the perimeter security fence erected, and the foundations laid for the three single-bay and the two wooden garages. A search of 1978 imagery revealed that the single-bay garages were observed under construction as early as [redacted]. In [redacted] the garages were observed externally complete. Subsequent identification of photographic signatures and mensuration of the garage components confirmed that the garages were the same as those observed at SS-20 bases.

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3. (TSR) The layout of this remote site seemed to resemble the single-bay garage pattern at Novaya Mezinovka Missile Support Rear Depot [redacted] (Figure 3). In 1977, three closely spaced single-bay garages along with support buildings were identified among the trees in a portion of that depot. The area was also secured by a single, solid perimeter fence, and a resolution target was in the area. [redacted]

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[redacted] It is possible that the remote site at Drovyanaya is the follow-on field example of the concept tested earlier at Novaya Mezinovka and may be an indication that the Soviets intend to use this technique. This would be an altered practice from the central basing concept.

(S) Comments and queries regarding this report are welcome. They may be directed to [redacted] Soviet Strategic Forces Division, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC, [redacted]

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