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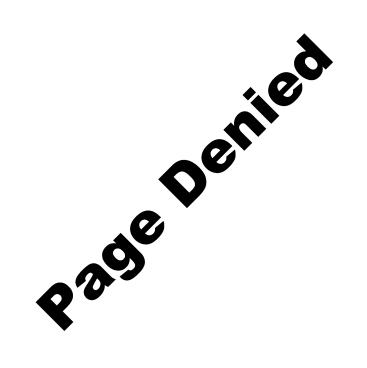
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SOVIET DEPLO	DYMENT AT KUNDUZ (QONDUZ) AIRFIELD, AFGH/	ANISTAN (S)
Soviet operations in northe southeast of Kunduz and 35 2. (S/D) Kunduz Air	nent area at Kunduz (Qonduz) Airfield east Afghanistan (Figure 1). This airfield is approxima nm south of the Soviet border. field is a base for a Soviet combat assault helicopter trating in this region of Afghanistan.	
3. (S/D) Soviet ground when on the following: an MRR, an field hospital, a chemical cairborne regiment with an a 4. (S/D) The MRR to berm secured. This bivour approximately 66 large ten area contains the armored	nd force units were initially observed at the Kunduz elements of a motorized rifle regiment (MRR) were idn developed in this deployment area. The deployment early warning radar site, a probable signal battalion, a defense battalion, a command post, a radio communic irborne howitzer battalion, and a deployed antiaircraft a bivouac area is in the southern portion of the deploymac is divided into two separate areas: a personnel ts and 59 small and medium tents and a food services personnel carriers (APCs), armor, artillery (122mm tent for the MRR. This is the first location in Afghanic	entified. Since that time, a area presently consists of reconnaissance battalion, a ration (radcom) station, an rtillery (AAA) regiment. Hent area and is trench and housing area containing area. The vehicle parking self-propelled—SP—howit-
covered FLAT FACE rad Additional equipment obse 60P APCs (two were net bivouac area. 6. (S/D) The probal contains a personnel housi	varning radar site adjacent to the MRR was first observars are operationally deployed within a trench- and between included a possible R-409 CATS PAW van truck covered). Five cargo trucks and seven net-covered ble signal battalion bivouac area is adjacent to the ing area with 15 large tents and at least 14 small tent and deployed in three adjacent fence-secured areas.	berm-secured bivouac area. and three probable BTR- tents are also within the MRR area. This bivouac
7. (S/D) The reconn contains three probable SP	naissance battalion area, also in the southern portion PIKE SQUARE and nine probable TURN SERIES valuable BTR-70 APC. Housing for this battalion consi	ns, six UAZ-69 jeeps, four ists of ten large tents and
deployment area. The hos room. A new hospital lo	pital contains 19 large tents and 15 medium tents w	e northeast portion of the vith at least one operating southeast portion of the 25%
This unit has relocated sev	al defense battalion is currently in the northeast cornered times since its initial identification de two TMS-65 and one DDA-66 trucks.	Major decontamina- 25)
includes two deployed R-4 the Soviet Union.	and post is on the north side of the deployment area 10 TWIN PLATE troposcatter sets with the screens of	oriented toward Termez in
11. (S/D) The radco ground-mounted lattice tow	m station is collocated with the command post. There and was present prior to the Soviet occupation of this	is station consists of five s area.
APC-equipped airborne be zer battalion (normally a ople rocket launchers) is at bivouac perimeter; however	rne regiment bivouac is on the north side of the departations, an airborne signal unit, and a 122mm D-30 divisional asset) are within the bivouac area. One batt tached to the howitzer battalion. No security is discert, each battalion area is separately berm secured.	Dequipped airborne howitery of GAZ-MRLs (multi- rnible around the airborne
positions. Major elements defensive positions around	or the deployment area is provided by perimeter trends of a tank battalion and a 122mm D-30 howitzer I the perimeter. In addition, at least six GAZ-MRLs, or M-1974 are being used in a perimeter defense role.	r battery are deployed in
14. (S/D) Air defens sites. In addition, one sel MT-LB SAMs are deployed	te is being provided by an AAA regiment consisting of lf-propelled antiaircraft (SPAA) battery consisting of dadjacent to the MRR bivouac area.	four ZSU-23/4s and four
15. (S/D) At least fi this deployment area.	ve support units, including logistical and construction	elements, are also within
16. (S/D) The constr	ruction of permanent buildings, initially observed es are in various stages of construction in this deploymen	is continuing. 25)
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