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Afghanistan and in the USSR Along the
Afghanistan Border Area, as of**

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


1. (S/D) This report updates portions of NPIC Report  and reflects changes in and disposition of the Soviet air order-of-battle in Afghanistan and in the USSR along the Afghanistan border area since  This information was derived from satellite imagery acquired through 


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DOCUMENTS



1. NPIC,  IAR-0048/80, *Deployment of Soviet Ground, Air, Air Defense, and Tactical POL, Storage Facilities in Afghanistan and in the Turkestan and Central Asia Military Districts, USSR, as of* 
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Table 1.
Disposition of Soviet Air Forces in Afghanistan as of
 [redacted] **(Items keyed to Figure 1)**

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Item	Location/BE No	Units Present	Changes Since [redacted]	25X1
1	Kunduz (Qonduz) Airfield [redacted]	Elements of helicopter transport regiment	Helicopter assault regiment originally assigned here; probably deployed to Kabul Airfield International about [redacted] elements of helicopter transport regt identified here on [redacted]	25X1 25X1
2	Bagram Airfield [redacted]	2 FISHBED squadrons 1 helicopter unit	None None	25X1
3	Kabul Airfield International [redacted]	1 FISHBED squadron Elements of helicopter assault regiment	None Newly deployed; probably from Kunduz about [redacted]	25X1 25X1
4	Jalalabad Airfield [redacted]	Elements of helicopter assault regiment	None	25X1
5	Kandahar (Qandahar) Airfield Intl [redacted]	1 FISHBED squadron	Two FISHBED squadrons were present from [redacted] FISHBED squadron deployed to Shindand Airfield between [redacted]	25X1 25X1 25X1
		Elements of BREWER recon squadron	Newly deployed as of [redacted]	25X1
		Elements of helicopter transport regiment	Newly deployed as of about [redacted]	25X1
6	Shindand Airfield [redacted]	1 FISHBED squadron	Decrease of 1 FITTER squadron between [redacted] FISHBED squadron deployed here from Kandahar Airfield between [redacted]	25X1 25X1
		1 helicopter unit	None	
7	Ghazni Airfield [redacted]	1 helicopter unit	None	25X1
8	Faizabad (Feyzabad) Airfield [redacted]	1 helicopter unit	None	25X1
9	Gardez Airfield [redacted]	1 helicopter unit	None	25X1
10	Deh Dadi (Dehdadi) Airfield [redacted]	1 helicopter unit	Newly deployed as of [redacted]	25X1 25X1

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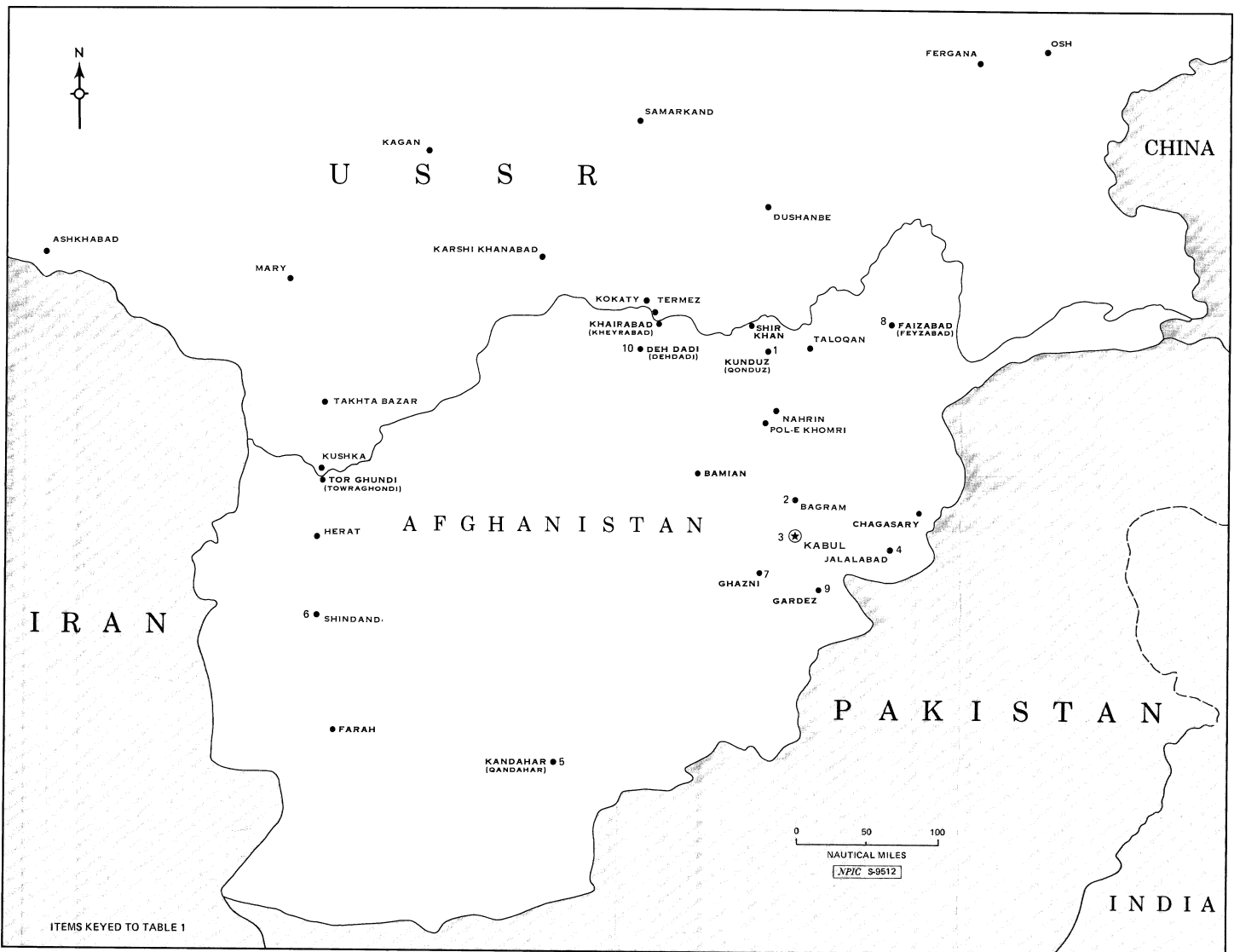


FIGURE 1. DISPOSITION OF SOVIET AIR FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN AS OF []

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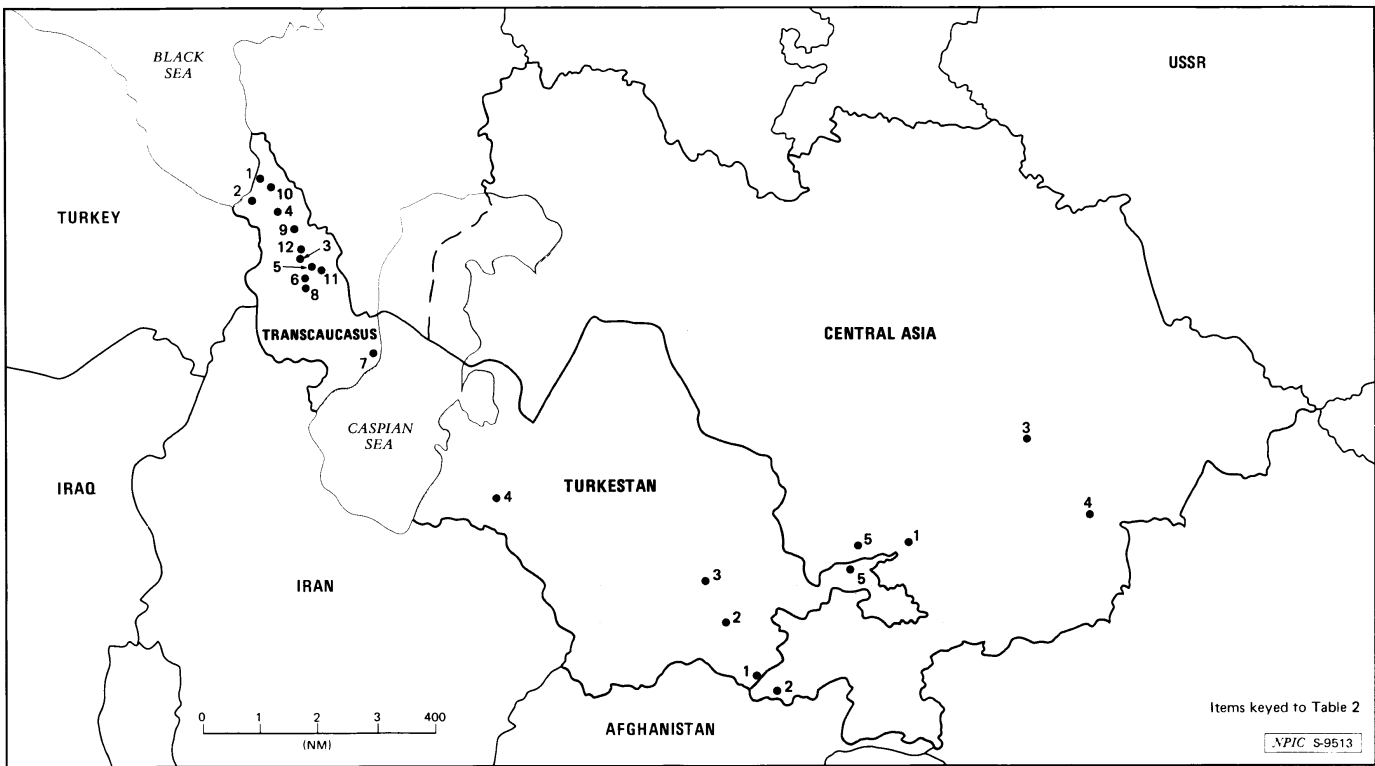


FIGURE 2. SOVIET AIR ACTIVITY AS OF []

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Table 2.

Soviet Air Activity as of [redacted]
(Items keyed to Figure 2)

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Item	Location/BE No	Units Present	Changes Since [redacted]	
TURKESTAN MD				
1	Kokayty Airfield [redacted]	FISHBED squadron	Two squadron of FISHBED departed as of [redacted] A FITTER C/D squadron here from [redacted] until [redacted]	25X1 25X1 25X1
2	Karshi-Khanabad [redacted]	1 FLOGGER B APVO regiment 1 BREWER/FISHBED recee regiment 2 RECCE BADGER	FITTER squadron departed as of [redacted] 5 FOXBAT B/D departed as of [redacted]	225X1 25X1
3	Kagan Airfield South [redacted]	Elements of helicopter assault regiment	As of May, helicopter counts had dropped to 14 HOOK, 1 SP HOOK, 3 HIND, and 5 HIP C-1 (23-29 HOOK and 23-27 HIP C had been observed here), on [redacted] [redacted] HIND counts dropped from 17 to 3, HIND were last observed here on [redacted]	25X1 25X1 25X1
4	Kizyl-Arvat Airfield [redacted]	1 FITTER squadron	As of [redacted] FISHBED had departed; FITTER counts had increased to 23 on [redacted] and dropped to [redacted]	25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
5	Chirchik Airfield [redacted]	1 FISHBED fighter/training regiment 1 FISHBED fighter/bomber regiment	1 FISHBED fighter bomber regiment	25X1
Transcaucasus MD				
1	Mikha Tskhakaya Airfield [redacted]	1 FLOGGER B regiment	None	25X1
2	Makahadze Airfield [redacted]	1 FLOGGER B regiment	None	25X1
3	Tbilisi Vaziani Airfield [redacted]	1 FLOGGER G squadron 1 FITTER Variant squadron 1 FISHBED H squadron 1 helicopter unit	Replaced FISHBED Regiment None None None	25X1
4	Samtredia East Airfield [redacted]	1 FENCER A regiment 8 BEAGLE 6 L-39	None None Departed	25X1
5	Zemo-Kedi Airfield [redacted]	1 FITTER C/D regiment 1 FITTER Variant squadron	None None	25X1
6	Dallvar Airfield [redacted]	1 FOXBAT B/D squadron 1 BREWER D squadron 14 BEAGLE	None None None	25X1
7	Sital Chay AIRFIELD [redacted]	1 FITTER (variable geometry wing) regiment 1 FISHBED squadron 1 FLOGGER G squadron	Replaced FITTER A regiment Departed [redacted] Present [redacted]	25X1 25X1 25X1
8	Kirovabad Airfield [redacted]	1 VTA CUB regiment 1 FITTER trng regiment	Departed approx [redacted] (because of runway widening) Departed [redacted] (because of runway widening)	25X1 25X1 25X1
9	Iskhmvali Heliport [redacted]	Elements of helicopter assault	ID of 9 HIP with UTD pods boxes on [redacted]	25X1
10	Tsulukidze Airfield [redacted]	Elements of helicopter transport	ID of HIP F here on [redacted]	25X1 25X1
11	Telavi Heliport [redacted]	Elements of helicopter transport	None	25X1
12	Tbilisi Novo-Alekseyevka Airfield [redacted]	1 transport Unit helicopter unit	No COOL A present; normally, 2 are present None	25X1
Central Asia MD				
1	Dzhambul Airfield [redacted]	Helicopter unit	None	25X1
2	Moskovskiy/Pyandzh Airfield [redacted]	2 HOOK 6-10 HIND 4 HIP	HOOK and HIND not present [redacted]	25X1 25X1
3	Balkhash Airfield [redacted]	1 FOXBAT recee squadron 1 BREWER recee squadron	10 FLOGGER and 5 FISHBED here since [redacted]	25X1
4	Taldy-Kurgan Airfield NE [redacted]	1 FLOGGER/FISHBED ground attack regiment	None	25X1
5	Chimkent Airfield [redacted]	FISHBED recee regiment	None	25X1

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