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1. (S/D) A cadre-level motorized rifle regiment (MRR) was newly identified on imagery of [redacted] of Kulyab SAM Support Facility [redacted] USSR. This facility is 20 nautical miles (nm) west of the USSR-Afghanistan border, in the Central Asia Military District.

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2. (S/D) Units subordinate to the MRR included a tank battalion consisting of 39 medium tanks and one command vehicle; an engineer company with four TMM truck-mounted short gap bridges, one MTU-20 tank-launched bridge, and eight other vehicles; and a probable ZPU-2 antiaircraft gun battery (Figure 1). A probable antitank battery, a possible howitzer battalion, at least 110 trucks, 15 trailers, and 20 other vehicles were also present. The alignment of this equipment indicated that the MRR probably had arrived recently. The barracks area is of sufficient size to house at least one full-strength MRR. The Kulyab installation has not been used as a SAM support facility since June 1975.

3. (S/D) The newly identified MRR at Kulyab may be the MRR that was missing from Dushanbe Army Barracks AL-2/Headquarters Motorized Rifle Division [redacted] on [redacted] Dushanbe is approximately 75 nm northwest of Kulyab. The relocation of one of the two MRR housed in Dushanbe would result in a broader area of operation for this division. The third MRR subordinate to the division at Dushanbe is housed at Kurgan Tyube Army Barracks AI-1 [redacted] 55 nm west of Kulyab and 50 nm south of Dushanbe. The MRR at Kulyab may have been deployed to fill a gap in defensive deployment along the border or in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan.

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