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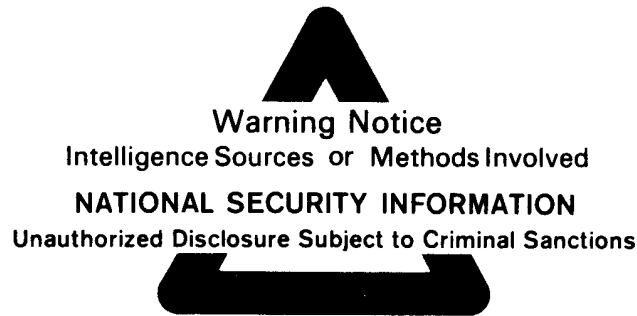
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NEW TRACKED ARMORED VEHICLE CHASSIS AT PERM
USSR (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: PERM ARMT A MSE A RAND PLANT 172 IS DEVELOPING
A NEW SELF-PROPELLED MORTAR FOR AIRBORNE UNITS. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: A NEW TRACKED ARMORED VEHICLE CHASSIS HAS BEEN
IDENTIFIED IN THE SHIPPING YARD AT PERM [REDACTED]

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THE HULL DECK. A REVIEW OF PREVIOUS IMAGERY SHOWS THAT A
SMALL NUMBER OF APPARENTLY IDENTICAL CHASSIS HAVE BEEN IN THE
SHIPPING YARD SINCE MAY 1982 SUGGESTING THE VEHICLE IS UNDER
DEVELOPMENT OR FINAL ASSEMBLY AND PRODUCTION AT PERM. (SWN)

ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- PERM HAS HISTORICALLY PRODUCED
ARTILLERY SYSTEMS, AND HAS BEEN SERIES PRODUCING THE BMD
M-1981/2 AIRBORNE SELF-PROPELLED (SP) ARTILLERY SYSTEM SINCE
MID-1981. THE NEW CHASSIS COULD BE USED AS A MORTAR FOR
AIRBORNE FORCES. IT IS SMALLER THAN THE STANDARD BMD-1
AIRBORNE ARMORED FIGHTING VEHICLE AND THE BMD M-1981/2. THE
OPENING IN THE HULL IS POSSIBLY A FIRING PORT. TWO U.S.
MORTAR CARRIERS, THE M106A1 AND THE M125A1, HAVE SIMILARLY
POSITIONED OPENINGS. THE U.S. SYSTEMS ARE MODIFIED M-113
ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS WITH TURNTABLE MOUNTED MORTARS IN
THE REAR OF THE HULL. TO FIRE THE MORTARS, THE HATCH COVERS
OVER THE OPENING ARE PULLED BACK, AND THE MORTAR IS ELEVATED
AND ROTATED ON THE TURNTABLE FOR FIRING. THE NEW CHASSIS AT
PERM MIGHT BE INTENDED FOR A SIMILAR PURPOSE (MORTAR) SINCE A
GUN TURRET LOCATED NEAR THE REAR OF A VEHICLE THIS SIZE WOULD
PROBABLY BE UNSTABLE WHEN FIRED. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 58-02-07N 056-18-02E (S)

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