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DIVISIONAL FIELD COMMAND POST
BAGRAM AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: A SOVIET DIVISIONAL FIELD COMMAND POST WAS IDENTIFIED AT BAGRAM AIRFIELD ON IMAGERY OF [REDACTED] THIS IS THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION ON IMAGERY OF A SOVIET DIVISIONAL FIELD COMMAND POST IN EITHER THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES OR AFGHANISTAN. (SWN) 25X1
2. REMARKS: THE DIVISIONAL FIELD COMMAND POST, WAS SUPPORTING A MAJOR SOVIET COMBAT OPERATION IN THE BAGRAM AREA. IT CONSISTED OF A STAFF OPERATIONS AREA, A COMMUNICATIONS AREA, A FORWARD COMMAND POST, A SERVICE/SUPPORT AREA, A PARK DRIVE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SET, AND A TWIN EAR A TROPOSCATTER RELAY SET. THE STAFF OPERATIONS AREA CONTAINED TWO BABOCHKA VAN TRUCKS, THREE FIELD OPERATIONS VAN SETS, ONE RADIO VAN TRUCK (RVT), AND ONE LARGE GENERAL-PURPOSE TENT. MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT IN THIS AREA WAS ENCLOSED BY A VISUAL SCREEN. THE COMMUNICATIONS AREA INCLUDED AT LEAST THREE R-409 CATS PAW, FOUR PROBABLE R-405, AND SEVEN RVT. MOST OF THESE VEHICLES WERE NET COVERED. THE FORWARD COMMAND POST HAD SEVEN ARMORED COMMAND VEHICLES (FOUR BTR-60PA AND THREE BRDM), ONE R-405, FOUR RVT, AND NINE TRUCKS. FIVE SMALL TENTS WERE ALSO IN THIS AREA. (SWN)

THIS DIVISIONAL FIELD COMMAND POST INCLUDED ELEMENTS OF THE 108TH MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISION'S SIGNAL BATTALION AND COMMANDANT COMPANY FROM BAGRAM SOVIET BARRACKS AREA (BE [REDACTED]), AND POSSIBLY MINOR ELEMENTS OF THE INDEPENDENT SERVICE AND SECURITY BATTALION FROM KABUL DEPLOYMENT AREA SW [REDACTED]. THE PARK DRIVE SET CAME FROM THE 108TH MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AT BAGRAM SOVIET BARRACKS AREA, AND THE TWIN EAR A SET PROBABLY CAME FROM THE COMMAND STAFF SIGNAL REGIMENT AT KABUL DEPLOYMENT AREA SW. THE TWIN EAR A IS PROBABLY PROVIDING A LINK TO THE COMMAND STAFF SIGNAL REGIMENT WHERE ANOTHER TWIN EAR A WAS DEPLOYED FACING NORTH TOWARD BAGRAM ON [REDACTED] (SWN) 25X1

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REANALYSIS OF C3 CENTERS SUPPORTING FOUR PREVIOUS MAJOR MILITARY OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN REVEALED THAT THEY ALSO WERE DIVISIONAL FIELD COMMAND POSTS. THESE DIVISIONAL FIELD COMMAND POSTS WERE DEPLOYED AT BAGRAM AIRFIELD DURING THE PANJSER VALLEY V OPERATION IN MAY-JUNE 1982, PANJSER VALLEY VI OPERATION IN AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1982, AND THE CHARIKAR/JABAL OS SARAJ OPERATION IN DECEMBER 1982. A DIVISIONAL FIELD COMMAND POST WAS ALSO PRESENT AT KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD () IN SUPPORT OF A MILITARY OPERATION IN THE KABUL AREA IN OCTOBER 1982. (SWN) ()

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