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NAVAL SPETSNAZ EXERCISE

OSTROV RUSSKIY PROBABLE NAVAL SPETSNAZ FACILITY, USSR (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST IDENTIFICATION FROM SATELLITE IMAGERY OF A SUBMARINE INVOLVED IN TRAINING WITH A SPETSNAZ (SOVIET SPECIAL FORCES) UNIT. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: A FOXTROT/ZULU SOVIET ATTACK SUBMARINE (SS) WAS MOORED SOUTH OF OSTROV RUSSKIY PROBABLE NAVAL SPETSNAZ FACILITY ON [REDACTED] TWO PROBABLE SAFETY BOATS WERE TIED TO THE SUBMARINE. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- IT IS BELIEVED THE SOVIETS HAVE ONE NAVAL SPETSNAZ BRIGADE SUBORDINATED TO EACH OF ITS FOUR FLEETS. NAVAL SPETSNAZ UNITS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED ON IMAGERY AT ALL BUT THE NORTHERN FLEET. ONE METHOD OF INSERTING THESE TROOPS IN AN OPERATION WOULD BE TO DISCHARGE THEM FROM A SUBMERGED SUBMARINE SOME DISTANCE OFF SHORE. THE PRESENCE OF THE SUBMARINE WITH SAFETY BOATS IS EVIDENCE THAT THIS TYPE OF TRAINING OCCURS. THIS SPETSNAZ UNIT IS SUBORDINATE TO THE SOVIET PACIFIC FLEET. THE BALTIC FLEET UNIT IS AT PRIMORSK PROBABLE NAVAL SPETSNAZ FACILITY [REDACTED], AND THE BLACK SEA FLEET UNIT IS AT OSTROV MAYSKIY, AN ARTIFICIAL ISLAND 2.5 NM SOUTH OF OCHAKOV. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 42-58-00N 131-52-10E (S)
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