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PROBABLE MISSILE-READY BUNKERS  
AL JUFRAH AIRFIELD, LIBYA (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: SIX PROBABLE MISSILE-READY BUNKERS, CAPABLE OF HANDLING AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES (ASM), HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED AT AL JUFRAH AIRFIELD IN LIBYA. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF [REDACTED] IMAGERY REVEALED THAT SIX PROBABLE MISSILE-READY BUNKERS (ONE NOT ON GRAPHIC), HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN THE MEDIUM BOMBER DISPERSAL AREA. THE BUNKERS ARE BEHIND, OR IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF 12 REVETTED HARDSTANDS (ONE NOT ON GRAPHIC), WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF HOUSING ADVANCED, MEDIUM, ASM-CAPABLE BOMBERS. A VEHICLE TURN-AROUND AREA IS IN FRONT OF EACH BUNKER, AND AN ACCESS ROAD CONNECTS EACH BUNKER WITH THE REAR ENTRANCE TO THE REVETTED HARDSTANDS. OTHER FACILITIES IN THIS AREA INCLUDED SIX PERSONNEL BUNKERS AND SIX PROBABLE THREE-BAY REVETMENTS (ONE NOT ANNOTATED ON GRAPHIC) THAT WILL PROBABLY BE USED FOR GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT. THE DISPERSAL AREA HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED SO THAT ONE PROBABLE MISSILE-READY BUNKER, ONE PERSONNEL BUNKER AND ONE THREE-BAY REVETMENT CAN PROVIDE IMMEDIATE SUPPORT FOR AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS IN EACH PAIR OF BOMBER REVETMENTS. A MISSILE STORAGE/SUPPORT FACILITY (NOT ON GRAPHIC) IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION APPROXIMATELY 1 NM EAST OF THE WEST-NORTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY. (SWN)

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ANALYST COMMENTS: CURRENTLY, LIBYA DOES NOT HAVE A BOMBER ASSOCIATED ASM CAPABILITY AND AMONG THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, ONLY THE SOVIET UNION POSSESSES THIS CAPABILITY. IT APPEARS THAT THE BOMBER DISPERSAL AREA HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT RAPID-RESPONSE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS, A CAPABILITY THAT HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED AT MEDIUM BOMBER AIRFIELDS IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIETS ARE REPORTEDLY INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF AL JUFRAH AIRFIELD, 260 NM SOUTHEAST OF TARABULUS (TRIPOLI) AND 120 NM SOUTH OF THE GULF OF SIDRA.

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