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CONTINUED EVIDENCE OF TYPHOON UNIT 3
SEVERODVINSK SHIPYARD 402, USSR (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: ANALYSIS OF THE RESCUE BELL SEATING RINGS AND TELEPHONE BUOYS ON THE TYPHOON NUCLEAR-POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSBN) AT SEVERODVINSK SHIPYARD 402

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_____ INDICATES THAT THIS SSBN IS THE NEWLY LAUNCHED UNIT
 3. (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: THE RESCUE BELL SEATING RING AND TELEPHONE BUOYS WERE PAINTED WHITE ON TYPHOON UNITS 1 AND 2 JUST BEFORE THEY DEPARTED FOR SEA TRIALS. THE RINGS ON THE TYPHOON AT SEVERODVINSK _____ HAD NOT BEEN PAINTED. TYPHOON SSBN UNIT 1 HAD ITS RINGS/BUOYS PAINTED _____ APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MONTHS AFTER ITS SEPTEMBER 1980 LAUNCH. UNIT 2 HAD ITS RINGS/BUOYS PAINTED _____ APPROXIMATELY NINE MONTHS AFTER ITS SEPTEMBER 1982 LAUNCH. FROM THE TIME THESE RINGS WERE PAINTED, THEY HAVE BEEN OBSERVED ON UNITS 1 AND 2, UNTIL THE UNITS WERE SNOW COVERED IN LATE 1983. (SWN)

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ANALYSTS' COMMENTS: NPIC BELIEVES THAT TYPHOON UNIT 3 WAS LAUNCHED FROM CONSTRUCTION HALL 3 AT SEVERODVINSK SHIPYARD

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_____ THE TYPHOON-ASSOCIATED LAUNCH DOCK HAD MOVED FROM ITS STOWED POSITION AT LAUNCH RAIL 1 AT CONSTRUCTION HALL 3 TO LAUNCH RAIL 2 WHERE TYPHOON UNIT 3 WAS EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED. WE BELIEVE THAT THE LAUNCH DOCK WAS NOT IN THE LAUNCH BASIN _____ AND THE LAUNCH OF TYPHOON UNIT 3 HAD TAKEN PLACE OR WAS IN PROGRESS. A TYPHOON HAS BEEN AT GUBA LITSA SUBMARINE BASE SW _____ ON ALL COVERAGES _____ COLLATERAL REPORTING (USN-15 CABLE DTG 310931Z JAN 84) INDICATED THAT A SUBMARINE WITH PENDANT NUMBER 842 WAS AT-SEA IN THE VICINITY OF KUVSHIN ISLAND _____ AND THAT THE SUBMARINE WAS THE SAME CLASS OF SUBMARINE AS PENDANT NUMBER 838 (TYPHOON UNIT 1). (S/ _____)

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IN SUMMARY, THE TYPHOON AT SEVERODVINSK HAS BEEN ICED-IN, PRECLUDING ITS DEPARTURE OR RETURN TO THE FITTING OUT QUAY; A TYPHOON HAS BEEN AT GUBA LITSA [REDACTED] AND A TYPHOON WAS REPORTED AT-SEA [REDACTED] THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT TYPHOON UNIT 3 HAS BEEN LAUNCHED AND IS FITTING OUT AT SEVERODVINSK. THE UNPAINTED RINGS AND BUOYS ON THE TYPHOON AT SEVERODVINSK FURTHER SUBSTANTIATES THE PRESENCE OF THE THIRD UNIT OF THE TYPHOON-CLASS SSBN. (S/ [REDACTED])

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3. [REDACTED], COORDINATES 64-34-38N 039-48-32E (S)

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4. COLLATERAL REFERENCES:

USN-15, SOVIET NORTHERN FLEET TYPHOON-CLASS HULL NUMBER TWO CARRIES POSSIBLE PENDANT NUMBER 842, P 310931Z JAN 84 (S/ [REDACTED])

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