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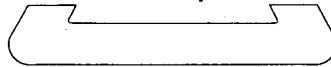
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PRIMORYE-CLASS AGI MODIFICATION  
VLADIVOSTOK NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD 202, USSR

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: A PRIMORYE-CLASS INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION SHIP (AGI) HAS BEEN MODIFIED.

2. (S/D) REMARKS: ONE OF TWO PRIMORYE-CLASS AGI IN THE SOVIET PACIFIC FLEET HAS BEEN MODIFIED AT VLADIVOSTOK NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD 202. THE SHIP IS NOW IN THE DEGAUSSING AREA AT VLADIVOSTOK MISSILE PATROL BOAT BASE [Redacted] THE MODIFICATIONS INCLUDE THE REMOVAL OF THE AFTER DECKHOUSE AND THE PLACEMENT OF A RECTANGULAR OPENING IN THE ROOF OF THE SHIP'S SUPERSTRUCTURE. THE REASONS FOR THESE MODIFICATIONS ARE UNKNOWN, BUT COULD PORTEND A NEW OR ALTERED MISSION FOR THE UNIT.

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(S/D) PREPARATIONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE AFTER DECKHOUSE OF THIS PRIMORYE, WHICH HOUSED WHAT WAS PROBABLY EQUIPMENT FOR COLLECTION AND/OR PROCESSING OF SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE, WERE UNDERWAY IN EARLY DECEMBER 1981. [Redacted] BOTH

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PACIFIC FLEET PRIMORY AGI WERE INTACT. [Redacted] THE ROOF OF THE AFT DECKHOUSE HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PRIMORYE UNDERGOING MODIFICATION. [Redacted] THE DECKHOUSE WAS COMPLETELY REMOVED. [Redacted]

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[Redacted] THIS VESSEL WAS MOVED FROM THE SHIPYARD TO THE DEGAUSSING AREA. SHIPS ARE NORMALLY DEGAUSSED FOLLOWING AN EXTENDED REPAIR YARD PERIOD AND PRIOR TO SEA OPERATIONS. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE REMAINING FIVE PRIMORYE AGI IN THE SOVIET INVENTORY ALSO WILL BE MODIFIED.

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3. [Redacted] COORDINATES 43-06-30N 131-56-05E

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