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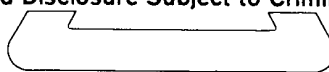
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HIND E HELICOPTERS WITH POSSIBLE TWIN-BARREL CANNONS
BRODY AIRFIELD NORTH, USSR

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THIS IS THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF THIS MODIFIED HIND E ON SATELLITE IMAGERY AND THE FIRST INDICATION THAT THE HELICOPTER MAY BE OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED.

2. (SWN) REMARKS: AT LEAST SIX HIND E HELICOPTERS WITH POSSIBLE TWIN-BARREL CANNONS (FIVE NOT ON GRAPHIC) WERE AT BRODY AIRFIELD NORTH [Redacted] THE HELICOPTERS WERE PARKED ADJACENT TO A HELICOPTER ASSEMBLY AREA AT THE EAST END OF THE AIRFIELD. THE OBSERVABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS HIND E AND THE TYPICAL HIND E IS THE ABSENCE OF A NOSE-MOUNTED FOUR-BARREL GATLING GUN AND THE PRESENCE OF A TWIN-BARREL CANNON ON THE STARBOARD SIDE OF THE FUSELAGE. THIS MODIFIED HIND E FIRST APPEARED IN OPEN-PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS ACQUIRED DURING THE ZAPAD 1981 EXERCISE IN SEPTEMBER 1981.

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(SWN) BRODY AIRFIELD NORTH IS IN THE CARPATHIAN MILITARY DISTRICT AND SERVES AS AN ASSEMBLY POINT FOR HELICOPTERS USUALLY DESTINED FOR EASTERN EUROPE. [Redacted]

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3. (S) [Redacted] COORDINATES 50-07-49N 025-10-17E

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