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MOBILE ICBM ACTIVITY
PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 5, USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE A HIGH INTEREST IN MAINTAINING YEAR-ROUND ACCESS TO THE SS-16 MOBILE ICBM LAUNCH REFERENCE POSITIONS (LRP) AT PLESETSK. (TSR)
2. REMARKS: SNOW REMOVAL IS OBSERVED AT ALL 12 LAUNCH REFERENCE POSITIONS (LRP) AT PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 5. RECTANGULAR AREAS LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE A TRANSPORTER-ERECTOR-LAUNCHER HAVE BEEN CLEARED OF SNOW IN FRONT OF TWO PAIR OF LRP. THIS TYPE OF SNOW REMOVAL IS CLEARLY DISTINCT FROM THE ROUTINE SNOW REMOVAL, AND REFLECTS THE NEED FOR MAINTAINING CONTINUOUS ACCESS TO THE LRP ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS. (TSR)

WHILE THE SOVIETS USE SNOW PLOWS TO REMOVE SNOW FROM ACCESS ROADS AND PARKING APRONS. SNOW REMOVAL AT THE LRP APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DONE BY HAND SHOVELING OR WITH SNOW BLOWERS. THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN A COMMON PRACTICE SINCE THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION OF LRP IN 1976. THE PRESENT SNOW REMOVAL INDICATES THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY WILL CONTINUE INTO THE 1983-1984 WINTER SEASON. (TSR)

THERE ARE 42 LRP INSTALLED AT FOUR MOBILE ICBM BASES AT PLESETSK. THE 42 LRP ARE IN PAIRS AT OR NEAR THE OPERATIONS AREA OF EACH BASE, AND ARE PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE IN-GARRISON AZIMUTH ALIGNMENT OF THE SS-16 MISSILE GUIDANCE PACKAGE. (TSR)

3. COORDINATES 63-03-20N 040-57-19E

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