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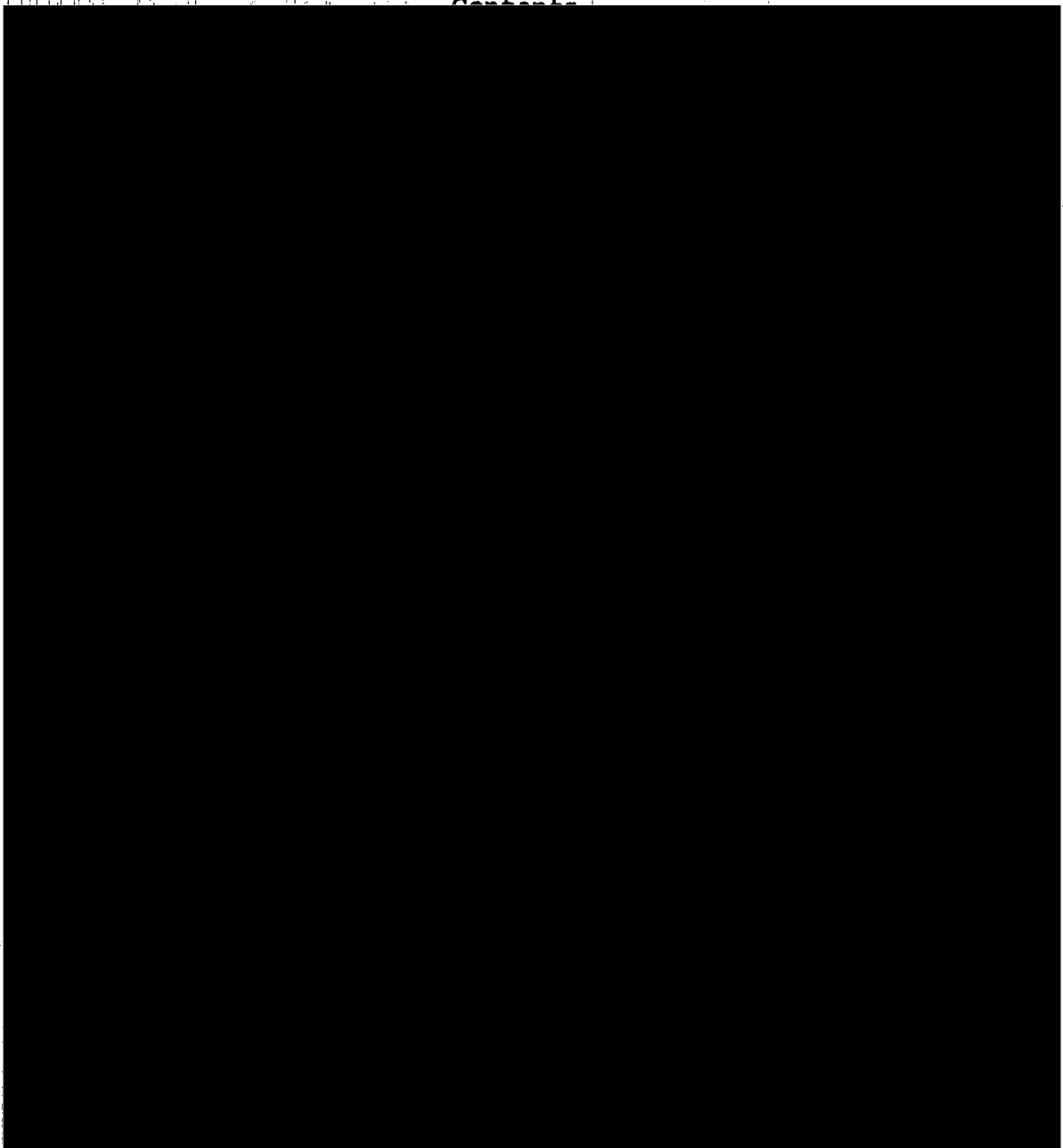
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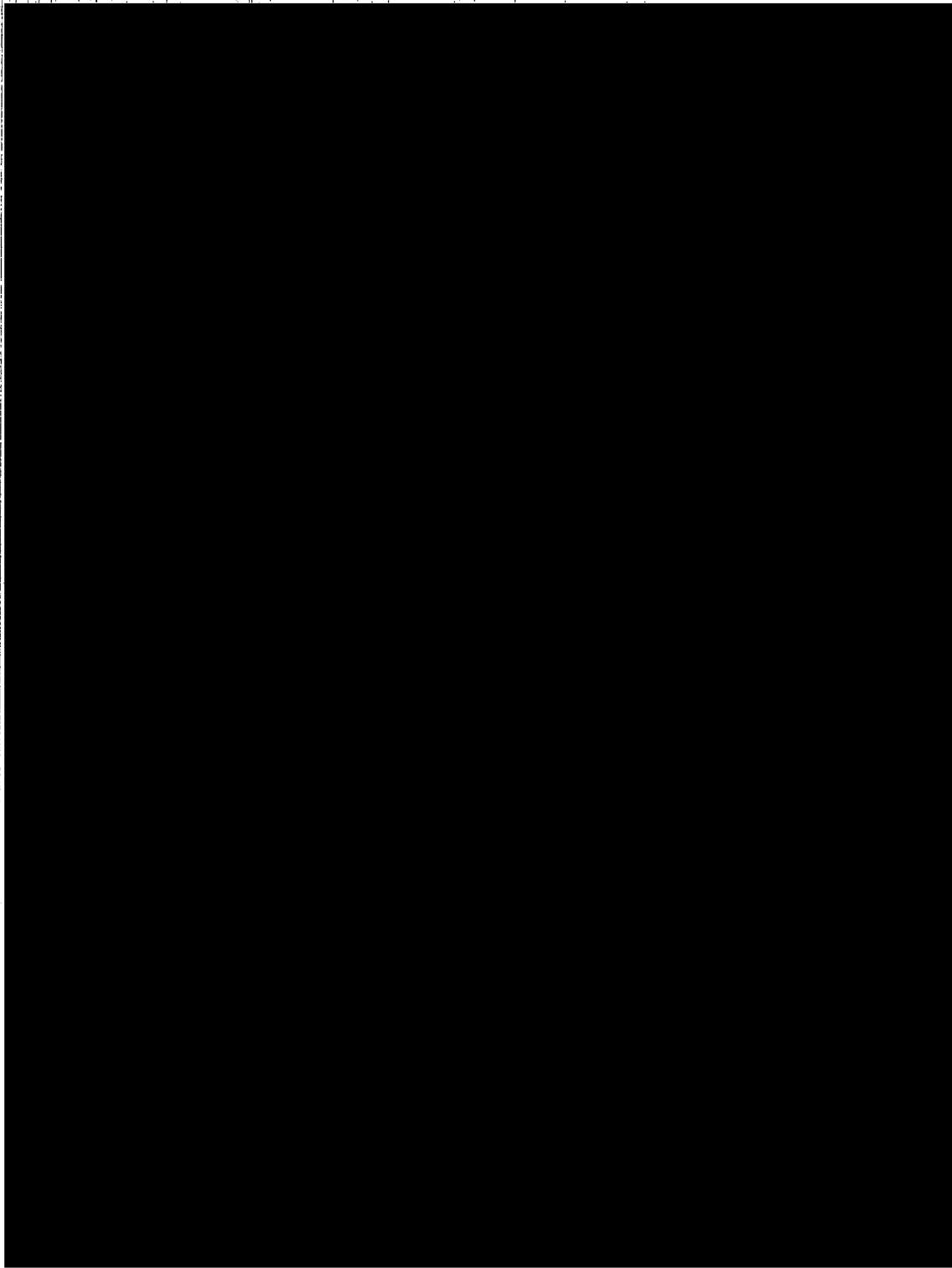
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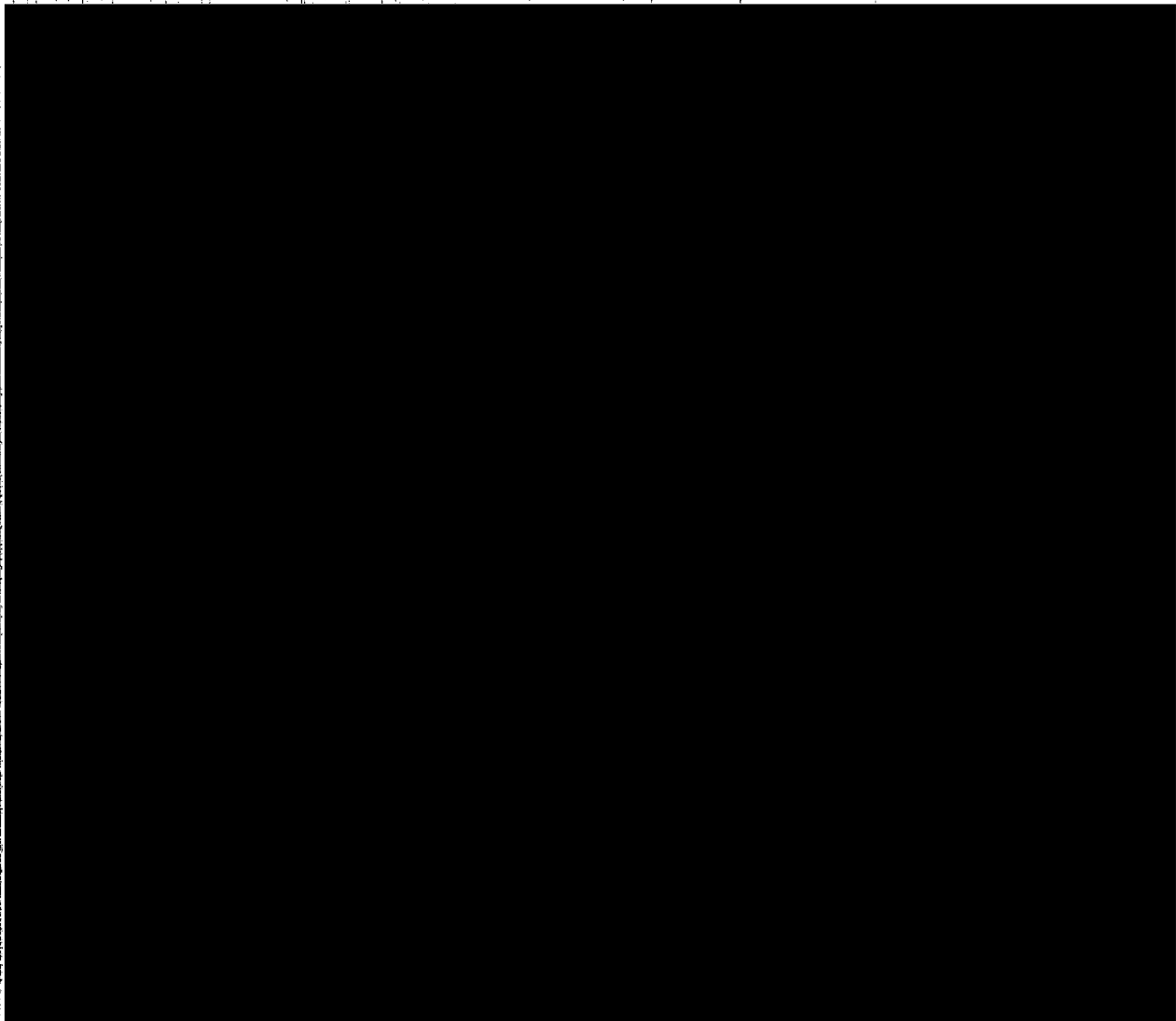
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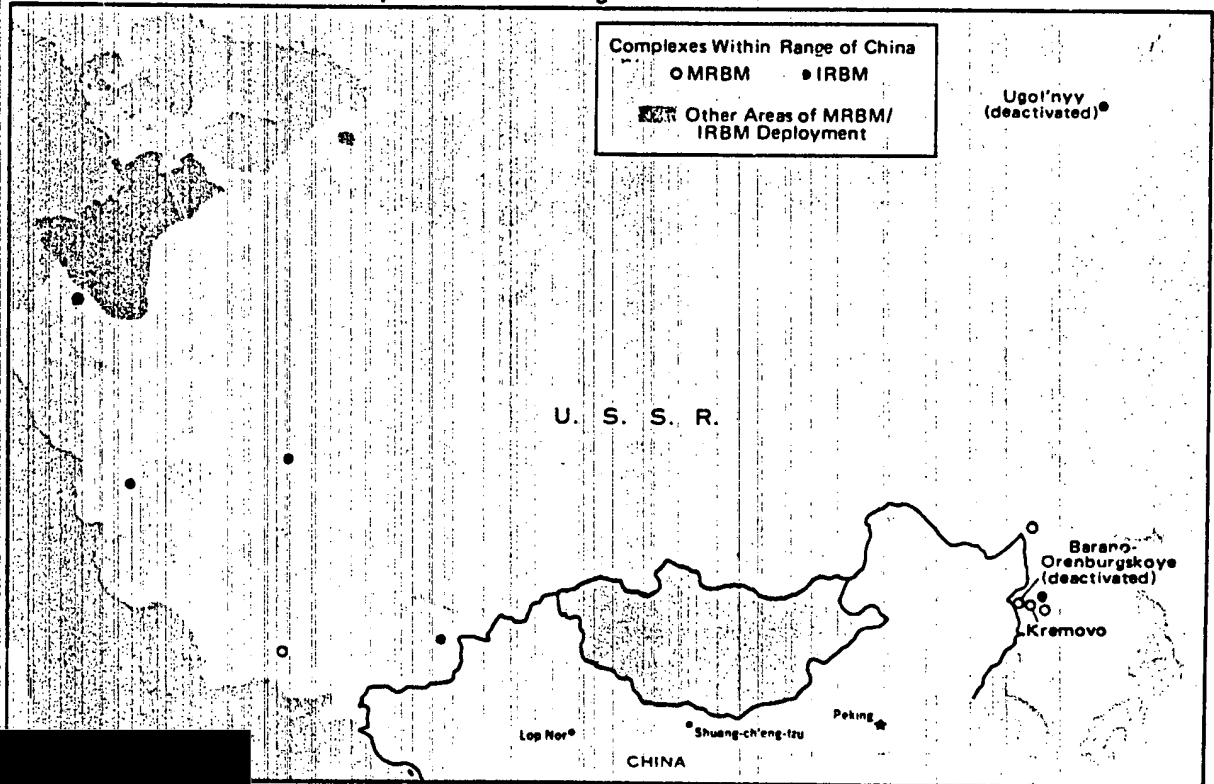


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Soviet MRBM and IRBM Complexes Within Range of China



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In sum, it appears that the Soviets are not relying on their MRBM/IRBM force for primary nuclear coverage of China. Other systems such as short-range ballistic missiles and aircraft probably would provide the initial means of nuclear delivery in a border conflict. If necessary the Soviets could easily retarget the MRBM/IRBM launchers near China as well as other long-range systems in other areas to cover the threat.

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