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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: K. Wayne Smith *KWS*

NGA Review
Completed.

SUBJECT: Results of Photographic Mission

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The first "bucket" from the KH-4 satellite currently in orbit has been recovered. The quality of the photography is generally poor because of ground haze (and because of the "at-camera" low resolution of KH-4).

*Was the
foreseeable
to large uncertainty?*

The process of reading the photography has just started and I have only the initial results. More information will be available after more extensive processing. (Additionally, we will get the second "bucket" from this mission about the middle of next week.)

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New Silos

A total of four new silos (three possible, one suspected) have been identified from the initial analysis of the photography. All four of these silos were seen at the Kartaly SS-9 complex. (Previous sightings were at Turyatam, Dombarovskiy, Imeni Gastello and Derazhnya.) The construction has taken place since

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Additionally, the two "suspected" silos at Imeni Gastello were confirmed by this photography.

The coverage of Zhangiztobe was fairly clear and no new silos were seen. Although the actual percentage of "good" coverage is not known, there was some coverage of portions of all six SS-9 complexes and portions of eight of the eleven SS-11 complexes.

The MR/IR coverage is apparently very poor and there is no usable information from the initial read-out.

ABMs

The more interesting information obtained is that construction has apparently resumed on the Moscow ABM system.

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At Site E-15 which was abandoned in 1965 (see attached map) there is a building (size 125' x 120') under construction where a Try Add would be located. This building is adjacent to an abandoned building which is believed to have been intended for a radar pedestal. On the other side is an excavation (150' x 150') probably for another building. This construction has taken place since

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None of this construction resembles anything we have seen associated with ABM at Sary Shagan or elsewhere. However, it can be assumed that, the Soviets are, at a minimum, completing their NCA.

I will keep you informed as more information is developed.

I recommend that Mr. Helms be asked to brief on this information at the Verification Panel on Friday. If you approve, I will make the arrangements.

_____ Approved

_____ Disapproved

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