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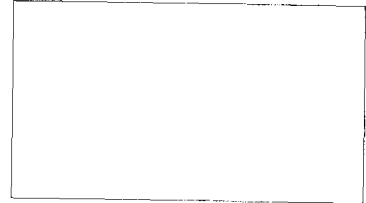
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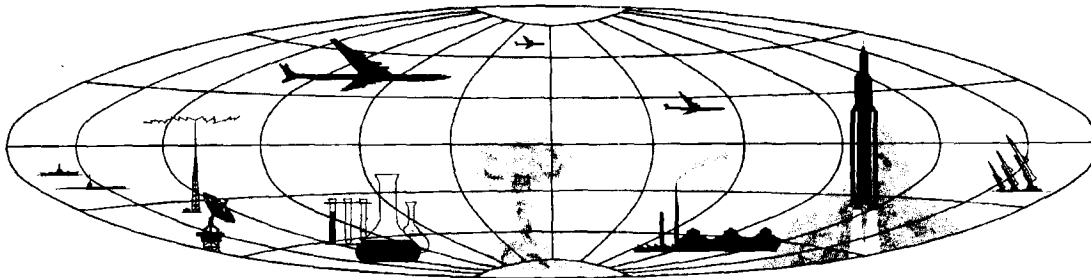
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ICBM LAUNCH AREA NORTHEAST OF PLESETSK, USSR*

An ICBM launch area of the Yur'ya type has been identified on March 1962 KEYHOLE photography at 63-03N 40-58E,** 28 nautical miles north-east of Plesetsk, USSR. This launch area is nearly identical with Launch Area B of the Kostroma ICBM Launch Complex. The area is road served and double fenced and measures about 2,150 by 1,750 feet. Visible inside the fenced area are two missile-ready buildings, each measuring about 175 by 130 feet, and at least three other structures along the west side of the center road (as at Launch Area B, Kostroma). The road pattern within the launch area and the launch-pad configurations are not clearly defined; however, the pad separation is approximately 1,150 feet. About 15 buildings outside the fence probably constitute the launch support area.

There was no activity at this specific location in December 1960
[redacted] scarring was evident in an unclouded portion in June 1961

[redacted] The area was cloud covered on July 1961 photography
[redacted]

The existence of this launch area does not specifically resolve the problem of identifying the function of the large complex northeast of Plesetsk.

*This information previously disseminated by cable dated 5 April 1962.

**These coordinates were derived from an AMS photomosaic map because of the lack of detail on the appropriate Series 200 US air target chart. However, this location conforms to the most accurately plotted position on the Series 200 chart.

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REFERENCES

PHOTOGRAPHY

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MAPS OR CHARTS

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SAC. US Air Target Chart, Series 200, Sheet 102-9AL, 2d ed, Dec 61, scale 1:200,000 (SECRET)

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None

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