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ANALYSES OF KEYHOLE PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE HUANG-PU NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD, CHINA (23-05N 113-24E COMOR REVEALS THAT FABRICATION AND ASSEMBLY OF POSSIBLE SUBMARINE COMPONENTS HAS BEEN UNDERWAY AT LEAST SINCE AUGUST 1968.

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THE OBLIQUE VIEW AFFORDED BY THE JANUARY 1970 COVERAGE REVEALS A POSSIBLE SUBMARINE STERN PROTRUDING FROM THE SOUTHERNMOST BUILDING WAY OF THE CONSTRUCTION HALL. THIS OBJECT IS SEMI-ELLIPSOIDALIN SHAPE; HOWEVER, NO RELIABLE MEASUREMENTS ARE POSSIBLE AS THE OBJECT IS PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY BOTH SHADOW AND THE ROOF OF THE CONSTRUCTION HALL.

SEVERAL UPRIGHT CURVED OR SEMI-CYLINDRICAL PLATES FOR POSSIBLE SUBMARINE PRESSURE HULL SECTIONS WERE FIRST OBSERVED IN AN ASSEMBLY AREA BETWEEN A POSSIBLE SANDBLAST/PAINT SHOP AND THE SIDE ENTRANCE TO THE LONG TWO-BAY CONSTRUCTION HALL IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER 1968. THESE PLATES HAD A MAXIMUM CHORD/DIAMETER RANGING FROM

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IN SEPTEMBER 1969 AND JANUARY 1970, A POSSIBLE SUBMARINE FRAME HAVING A DIAMETER OF APPROXIMATELY WAS OBSERVED ON THE GROUND NEAR THE SIDE ENTRANCE OF THE CONSTRUCTION HALL. A POSSIBLE SUBMARINE PRESSURE HULL HAVING A DIAMETER OF AT LEAST WAS OBSERVED PARTIALLY OBSCURED BY SHADOW, IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION IN FRONT OF THE SIDE ENTRANCE TO THE CONSTRUCTION HALL IN JANUARY 1970. POSSIBLE SUBMARINE SUPERSTRUCTURE PLATES WERE ALSO NOTED IN JANUARY 1970 NEAR THE SIDE ENTRANCE TO THE CONSTRUCTION HALL. AT LEAST FOUR AND POSSIBLY EIGHT SUCH LIGHT-TONED CURVED PLATES WERE OBSERVED - SOME WITH HOLES OR INDENTATIONS AND OTHERS HAVING A TAPERED SHAPE.

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THE METHOD OF LAUNCHING FROM THE CONSTRUCTION HALL, WHICH IS BEING EXTENDED ANOTHER 650 FEET TO THE WATER, IS YET TO BE DETERMINED.

HUANG-PU WOULD BE THE FOURTH SHIPYARD PRESENTLY CONSTRUCTING SUBMARINES IN CHINA. THE OTHERS ARE WU-HAN, KIANG-NAN, AND PROBABLY HU-LU-TAO.

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