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DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHAHO-NODONGJAGU SUBMARINE BASE

The Chaho-Nodongjagu Submarine Base Complex at 40-12-33N 128-39-01E is an excellent example of continuing North Korean efforts to upgrade naval installations in consonance with continuing acquisitions of naval units. The presence of a large probably concrete arch-roofed structure with a span of approximately 65 ft over a partially completed excavation near the shore line indicates a submarine pen is possibly under construction. Extensive construction is underway adjacent to this structure.

The development of the Chaho Complex apparently was part of a naval facility expansion program probably initiated during [] which also incorporated two other installations. Both the Songjon Pando Naval Base and Missile Support Facility, north of Wonson, and the Mayangdo-ri Naval Repair Facility, adjacent to the Mayang-do Submarine Base, were constructed in the same time frame as the Chaho Submarine Base. The growth of this facility has been unique in that it apparently began prior to [] as a small facility for patrol craft, but as construction progressed base expansion overran the village of Chaho. The large T-head submarine pier was in the initial stages of construction in the []. The facilities comprising the Chaho Complex are extensive and varied, and the disproportionate number of military-type buildings within the complex suggests that this installation has support or training functions in addition to being an operating base.

Berthing area facilities include one T-head pier (exclusively associated with submarine activity), four quays (one has a butler-type building and is normally associated with surface units, including SO-1 PGM and KOMAR PTG), four fenced storage buildings, and 15 other storage/support buildings.

Support facilities include eight administrative-type buildings, 50 barracks, four multistory barracks/administration buildings, and numerous support buildings.

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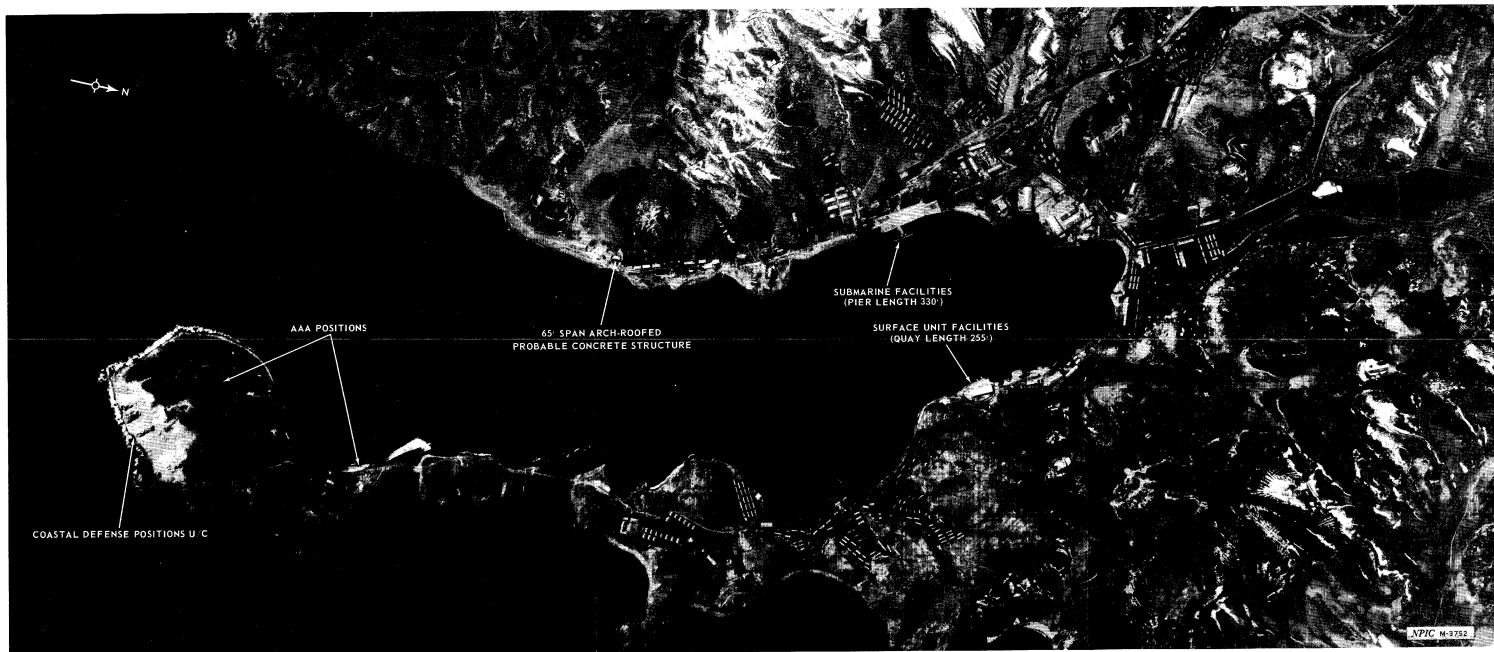
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