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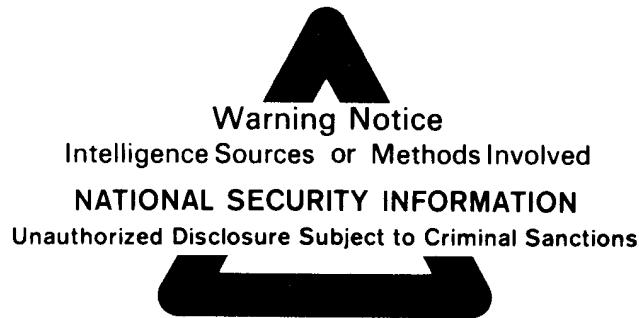
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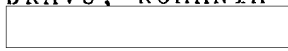
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26 MARCH 1984

NEW ARTILLERY DEPLOYMENTS IN ROMANIA
MIHAI BRAVU, ROMANIA (SWN)



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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE FIRST OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF 152MM GUN HOWITZERS D-20 TO A ROMANIAN UNIT AND THE FIRST CONFIRMED CHINESE-DESIGNED 130MM FIELD GUNS TYPE 59-1 HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN ROMANIA. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT THE NONDIVISIONAL ARTILLERY REGIMENT HOUSED IN MIHAI BRAVU ARMY BARRACKS 002 [REDACTED] HAD REEQUIPPED WITH THE D-20. FOUR D-20 WERE FIRST IDENTIFIED HERE [REDACTED] THIS REGIMENT WAS PREVIOUSLY EQUIPPED WITH THE 152MM GUN HOWITZERS ML-20 AND THE ANTIQUATED 152MM HOWITZER M-10. A REVIEW OF IMAGERY SHOWS THAT THE REEQUIPPING OCCURRED BETWEEN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] BUT UNTIL NOW, IMAGE INTERPRETABILITY PRECLUDED CONFIRMATION OF THE GUN MODELS. FOURTY-FOUR D-20, 14 ML-20, AND 15 M-10 WERE IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] ALL BUT EIGHT OF THE D-20 WERE PARKED IN BATTALION FORMATIONS. THE ML-20 AND M-10 WERE IN INACTIVE STORAGE AND WERE PROBABLY BEING PREPARED OR READY FOR REMOVAL. (SWN)

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THE FIVE CHINESE 130MM FIELD GUNS TYPE 59-1 ALSO IDENTIFIED ON [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE AT LEAST [REDACTED] THEY ARE PROBABLY HERE FOR TROOP TESTING AS THEY WERE PARKED ON CONCRETE PADS IN THE SAME AREA AS THE FOUR D-20 SEEN [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WHICH WERE ALSO PROBABLY HERE FOR TROOP TESTING. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- MIHAI BRAVU 002 IS PROBABLY USED FOR TROOP TESTING BASED ON THREE FACTORS. THE INSTALLATION, HOUSING BOTH A NONDIVISIONAL AND A DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY REGIMENT, CAN PROVIDE EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL; THE D-20 AND THE TYPE 59-1 WERE SEEN HERE IN SMALL NUMBERS PRIOR TO OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT; AND THE ADJACENT MIHAI BRAVU TANK TEST FACILITY [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL SUPPORT. (SWN)

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THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE D-20 AT MIHAI BRAVU INDICATES THAT THIS WEAPON IS IN SERIES PRODUCTION AT RESITA ARMS PLANT N MECANIA FINA [Redacted] WHERE D-20 WERE FIRST IDENTIFIED IN ROMANIA [Redacted] (NPIC IAC 320 [Redacted] ITEM 2). A PROBABLE TYPE 59-1 WAS ALSO AT THE PLANT [Redacted] [Redacted] BOTH THE D-20 AND THE TYPE 59-1 ARE PROBABLY BEING PRODUCED UNDER LICENSE FROM CHINA. THE CHINESE DESIGN IS EVIDENT IN THE D-20 SEEN AT RESITA AND MIHAI BRAVU. THE CARRIAGE IS WIDER AND THE TRAILS MORE MASSIVE THAN ON THE SOVIET D-20 AND SIMILAR TO THE CHINESE-PRODUCED VERSION OF THE D-20. THE TYPE 59-1 IS CHINESE PRODUCED, DEVELOPED BY MATING THE GUN TUBE OF THE SOVIET 130MM FIELD GUN M-46 WITH THE CARRIAGE OF THE SOVIET 122MM FIELD GUN D-74. THE PRESENCE OF THE TYPE 59-1 AT MIHAI BRAVU MAY MEAN THAT THIS WEAPON, TOO, IS NEARLY AT FULL PRODUCTION STATUS. (SWN) [Redacted]

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3. [Redacted] COORDINATES 44-07-04N 026-04-35E (S)

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