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SOURCE US citizen, geologist, who was lent the notes and slides of a fellow scientist, a former USAF navigator who spent several months in the USSR in the spring and summer of 1968.

[Available in CRS Document and Pictorial Services Division are five 35 mm color slides of views near Kaga and Biysk, USSR. CONFIDENTIAL]

1. Several field trips in Estonia in May 1968 with Dr Ralf Mannil, Institute of Geology, Estonian Academy of Sciences, Puiestee 7, Tallinn. He is a paleontologist and stratigrapher in his mid-forties. He has two young children, a boy five and a girl three. He hopes to obtain a US National Academy of Sciences grant to come to the US in the spring of 1969. He has a brother, an importer-exporter, who lives in Caracas, Venezuela.
2. One field trip we took was to Viljandi, east of Parnu. From there we wished to go to Parnu Jaagupi and Vana Vandra to the north and east respectively of Parnu. Although I do not know exactly why, Estonian officials said we could not travel south and west of Viljandi on a good road but had to follow a circuitous route on poor roads to the north and west to visit the desired locations.
3. In June on another paleontological field trip I travelled approximately 140 Km in a vehicle similar to a "jeep" from Sterlitimak in Bashkirskaya ASSR, just west of the Belaya River, to the vicinity of Kaga. [See on file note, slides 1, 2, 3.] The roadway was a two lane, loose surface, improved road in good condition. In wet weather four wheel drive would be needed.
4. Kaga is a village of approximately 1000-1500 people. We camped overnight 20 Kms north of Kaga at Uzyan. The next morning just before entering Nizhne-Sermenovo, 20 Kms northeast of Uzyan, a steel pipeline about a meter in diameter and oriented in an east-west direction was seen. A similar pipeline was observed just east of Sterlitimak but not seen between the two towns.
5. On another field trip in July I was riding in a "jeep" with Nicolai Kulkov, a Soviet paleontologist from Novosibirsk [See on file note, slide 4], headed for the Altai mountains. About 10 KM east of Barnaul we were shunted by military personnel off the main road east onto a dirt road through Zhilova and then followed a maze of dirt roads until we reached Biysk.

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6. At Biysk we crossed the Biya River on a four-pier cantilever reinforced concrete bridge and then drove on asphalt until we reached the Datun River and crossed on a pontoon bridge. At the northeast side of Biysk, about 100 yards off the road, I saw two large radar dishes about 100 yards apart shaped as follows:  and . The oval dish was about 30 feet in diameter lengthwise, and the rectangular one about 10 feet by 30 feet, and they both were about 20 to 30 feet above the ground. There was no airfield at this location, so their function was not clear. There were numerous drab colored trucks in the vicinity of the radars; I could not tell if they were military or not. We then continued south on a two-lane concrete road in fair condition for approximately 50 Km [See on file note, slide 5].
7. In Novosibirsk Kulkov shares cramped office space with Nicolai Iolkin, Rimma Gratzianova and a graduate student. Their office which contained their desks, books and some laboratory space was all in one room, approximately 10 feet by 12 feet.
8. On a separate visit to Alma-Ata I met S M Banaletov, of the Geological Institute, Kazakh Academy of Sciences. In discussing his work he showed me that, in lieu of maps, he was doing geologic mapping of southeast Kazakhstan on low contrast photographs about six inches by six inches at scales of 1 to 5000 and 1 to 10,000.

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2. AGUILAR MAY BE IDEN FRANKLIN AGUILAR O. WHO IN OCTOBER 61 WAS ONE OF LEADERS OF CONNIE SUPPORTED POLITICAL PARTY (NRS-2696).

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