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- At Rostov-on-the-Don is an academy (sic) where instruction [obuchenije] on guided missiles [samopravlyayushchiye anaryady] is given to artillery officers. Only engineer officers of the artillery arm are eligible to attend this school, which is a faculty of the Soviet Artillery Academy. Training at this school does not involve testing or research in guided missiles. According to informant, guided missiles are tested in the Black Sea area [location not specified]. Informant attended guided missile demonstrations near the academy [exact location not given], but he disclosed no details concerning the characteristics and capabilities of Soviet guided missiles, other than remarking that these missiles can be directed for "hundreds of kilometers."
- According to informant, who once worked at an airfield on Novaya Zemlya [dates not given], the Soviets have constructed one of the largest military airdromes on this island and have some of their largest strategic bombers based there. This airdrome was built by slave labor and troops over a long period of time. The Soviets had tremendous difficulties during the construction of the airfield on Novaya Zemlya, because the moisture in the sheets of metal used in construction caused these sheets to burst frequently. To avoid bursting, the Soviets had to prepare special materials which contained the least possible amount of moisture. Informant mentioned no further details concerning the activity or the type of bombers at this field.
- According to informant, there is a series of military observation and warning stations in the far north bearing such designations as North Pole #1, #4, #5, etc. The existence of only ten per cent of these stations is ever reported officially; the remainder operate clandestinely. These stations are located on ice floes and are constantly in motion.

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