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COUNTRY USSR	PLACE ACQUIRED USSR		APPROVED FOR RELEASE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS DIVISION HR-70-14 4-18-2012
SUBJECT SOVIET GENERAL STAFF THEORIES ON THE ROLE OF MISSILES VS. HEAVY BOMBERS			
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS THE RESULT OF A REQUEST MADE OF THE SOURCE OF TDCSDB-3/633,369 TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THAT REPORT. THE INFORMANTS FOR THE TWO REPORTS ARE NOT THE SAME.

1. ACCORDING TO INFORMANTS, THE OPINION WHICH HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN MILITARY CLASSES OF THE GENERAL STAFF AND IN THEORETICAL MILITARY STUDIES IS THAT HEAVY BOMBERS WILL BE REPLACED BY MISSILE WEAPONS SINCE MISSILES ARE CONSIDERED CHEAPER AND LESS VULNERABLE IN REACHING THEIR TARGETS. THE USE OF MISSILES ALSO INSURES THAT THE BLOWS WILL BE UNEXPECTED. THE INFORMANTS SAY THAT THIS TOPIC IS BEING DISCUSSED IN THEORETICAL TERMS NOW; BUT JUDGING BY THE RAPID TEMPO OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF MISSILE WEAPONS, THE INFORMANTS BELIEVE THAT THE REPLACEMENT OF HEAVY BOMBERS BY MISSILES WILL BECOME A PRACTICAL MATTER.

2. THE INFORMANTS REVEALED NO DETAILS ABOUT MISSILES AND MISSILE DEVELOPMENT, AND SOURCE BELIEVES THEY WERE IGNORANT OF SUCH DETAILS BECAUSE THEY WERE ASTONISHED BY THE DISPLAY OF MISSILES AT THE 7 NOVEMBER PARADE. SOURCE CONCLUDES FROM THE INFORMANTS

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EXPRESSIONS OF IGNORANCE ON THE SUBJECT OF MISSILES THAT DATA ON MISSILES ARE CLOSELY HELD SECRETS FROM GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS [EXCEPT THOSE WHO ARE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND USE.]

COMMENT: EVALUATION REQUESTED FROM ARMY AND AIR.

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