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POL STORAGE AREA
YELSK, USSR
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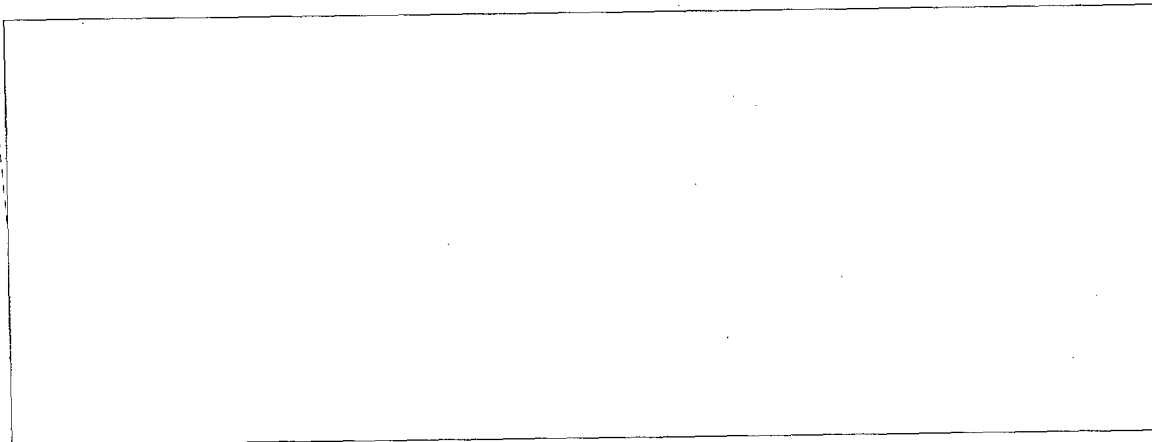
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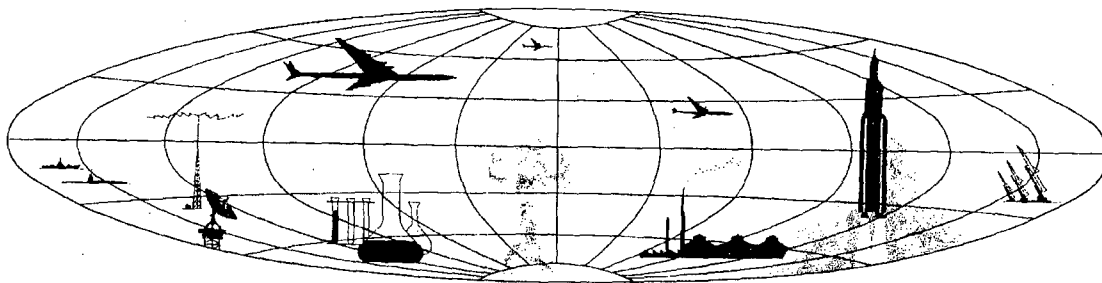
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PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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POL STORAGE AREA
(51-55N 029-15E)
YELSK, GOMELSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD

BE No: None

AL No: None

COMOR No: None

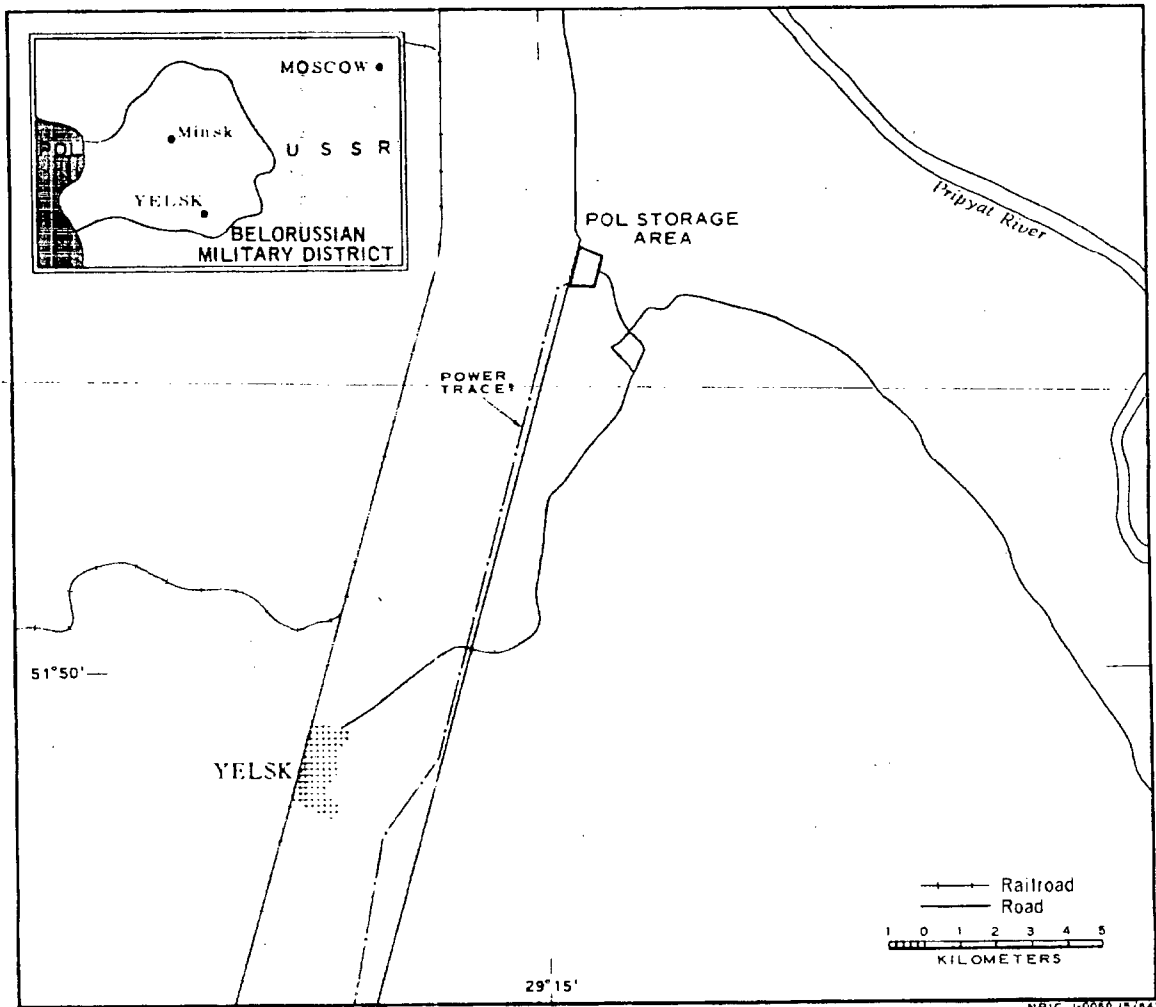


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF POL STORAGE AREA, YELSK.

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SUMMARY

A POL storage area is located 15 kilometers (km) south of Mozyr (52-03N 029-15E) and 16 km north of Yelsk (51-48N 029-09E). This installation has no rail service but is served by the Mozyr-Yelsk primary all-weather highway and by local secondary roads. The Kalinkovich Army Barracks Mozyr (AL-2) on the west edge of Mozyr is located 16 km north.

This POL storage area covers approximately 140 acres and contains 10 large vertical POL storage tanks in an 11-acre diked area, 20 associated support-type buildings, one possible

water tower, an unidentified object, and numerous small sheds. No security is observed.

This area was covered by three KEYHOLE missions between June 1961 and December 1963. Comparative analysis revealed no installation or construction activity in June 1961. However, on June 1963 coverage, minor building activity and 10 POL tanks, of which two were under construction, were observed. On December 1963 coverage, these tanks were completed; however, snow cover precluded determination of the status of other building activity.

DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

This installation is not rail served; however, the Kalinkovich-Ovruch rail line passes 4 km to the west.

Road Service

This installation is located on the primary all-weather Mozyr-Yelsk highway.

POL Storage Tanks

The POL storage area contains 10 vertical tanks, 120 feet in diameter, in two parallel rows

within a 450- by 1,100-foot rectangular area. Two tanks observed under construction in June 1963 were completed by December 1963.

Twenty support buildings, one a probable pumphouse, are adjacent to the POL storage area.

Straight-line ground scarring passing immediately south of the installation and extending northwest and northeast of the installation indicates a probable pipeline under construction. A probable pumphouse area is located adjacent to the probable pipeline to function as a booster station for the pipeline and possibly to pump oil into the installation storage tanks.

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FIGURE 2. POL STORAGE AREA, YELSK, DECEMBER 1963.

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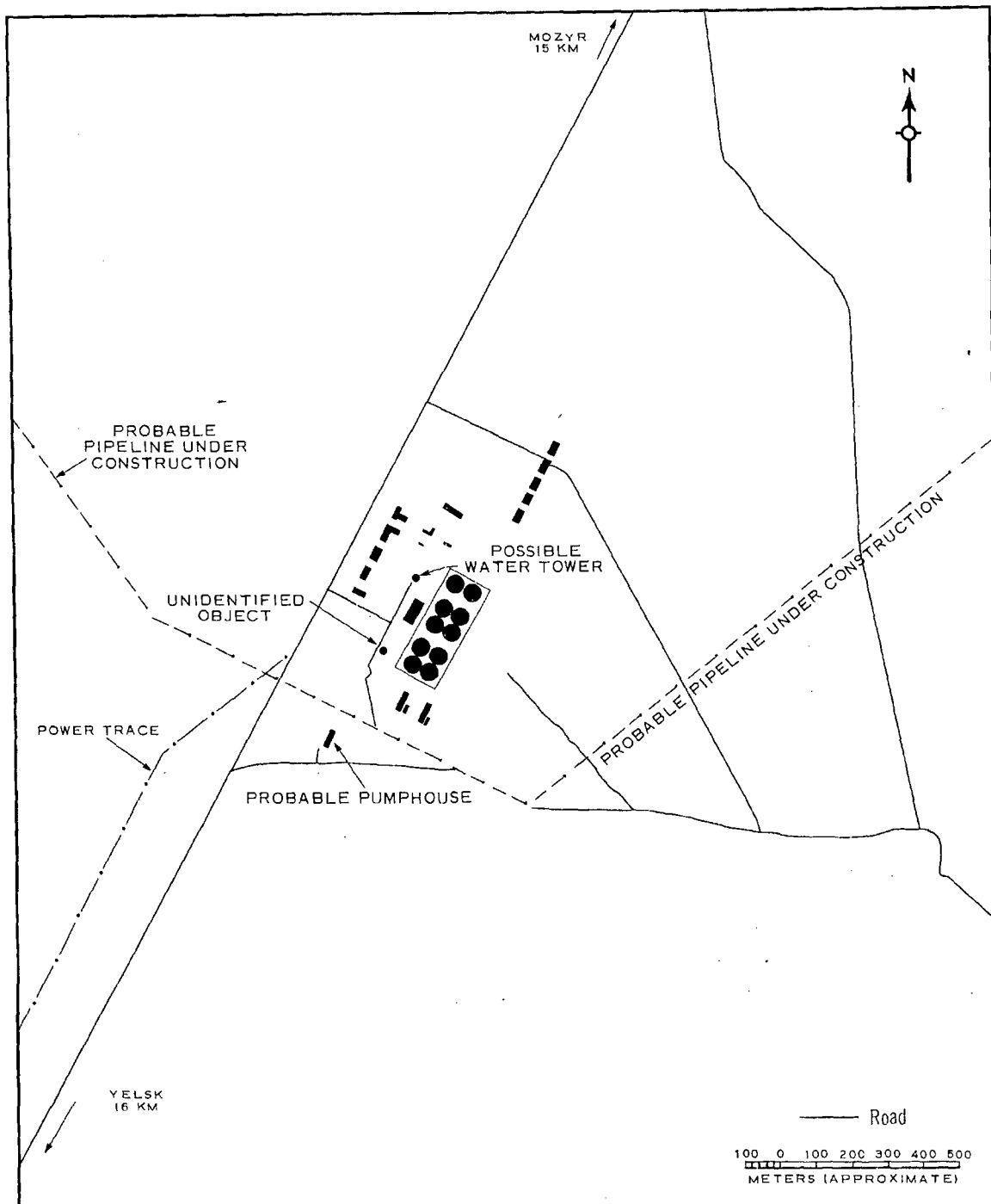


FIGURE 3. POL STORAGE AREA, YELSK. Sketch compiled from [redacted] December 1963.

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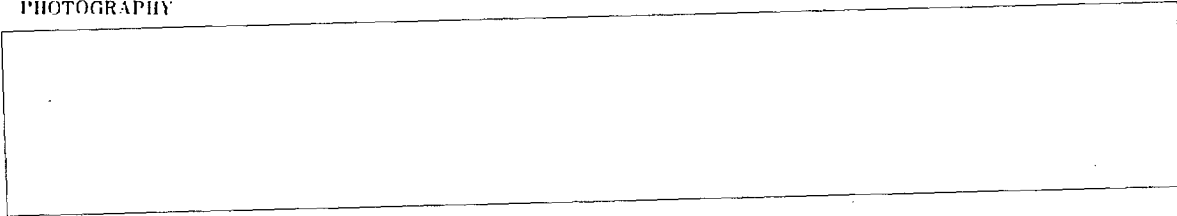
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