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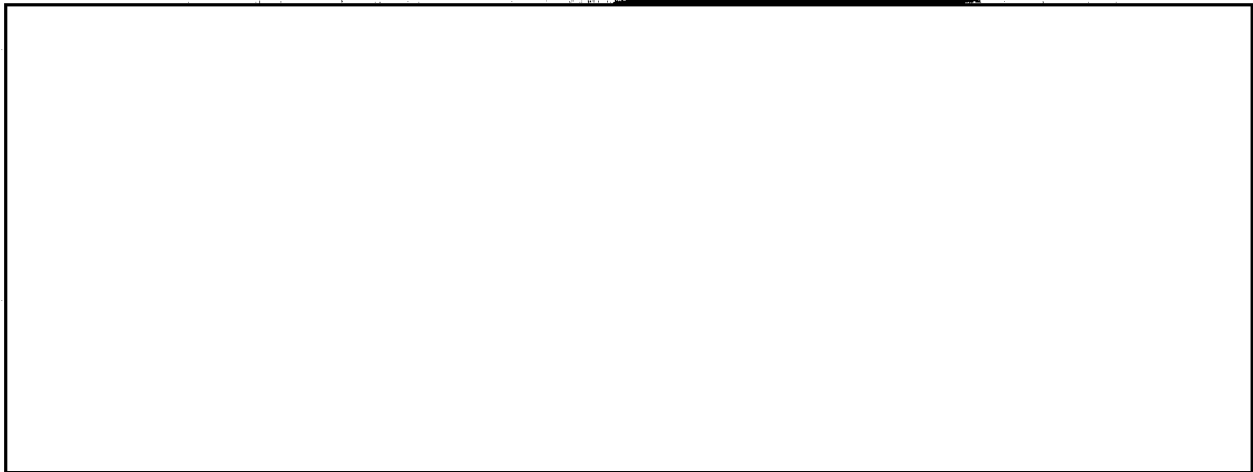
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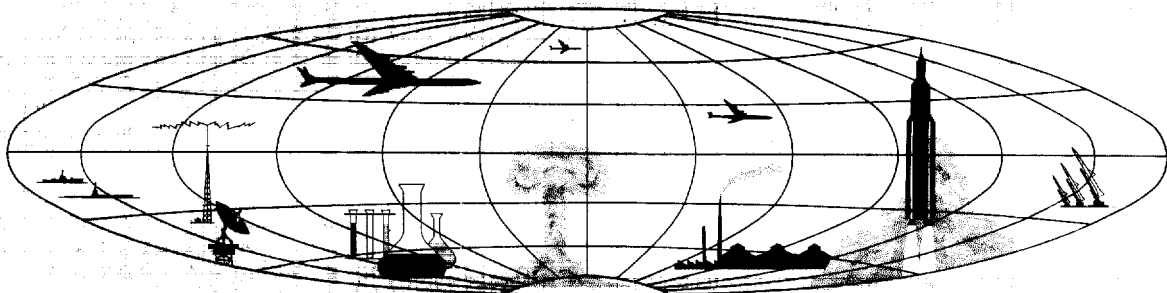


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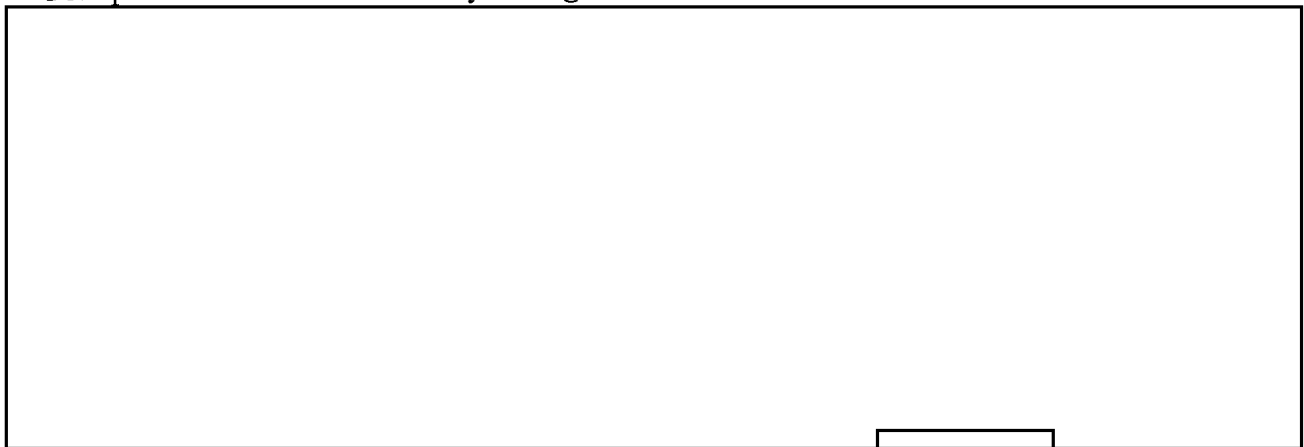
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This report presents information, from [redacted] photography, on a possible antimissile missile firing on 8 December 1960 from Launch Complex "A" of the Sary Shagan Antimissile Test Complex (SSATC).

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The entire SSATC was covered by good-quality [redacted] photography

[redacted] The ground was snow covered, thus permitting identification of areas of recent track activity (the track activity is dark against the white background of snow). Track activity was observed in the Support Base, on the main highway to the support area at Launch Complex "B," and on the highway to Launch Complex "A." All the known and suspect launch areas at the SSATC were snow covered, showing no recent activity except the area of SAM sites at Launch Complex "A" (Figure 1). All the access roads in the vicinity of these sites were clear. The roads to the central control areas at sites 1 and 2, as well as to one launch pad at site 1, were clear (Figure 2). The central control area for site 1 appeared to be more active than the control area for site 2. Possible vehicles were parked in an area adjacent to site 1.

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If an antimissile firing took place on 8 December 1960 [redacted]

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[redacted] the photography [redacted] indicates that the most probable location for the operation was at site 1 in Launch Complex "A."

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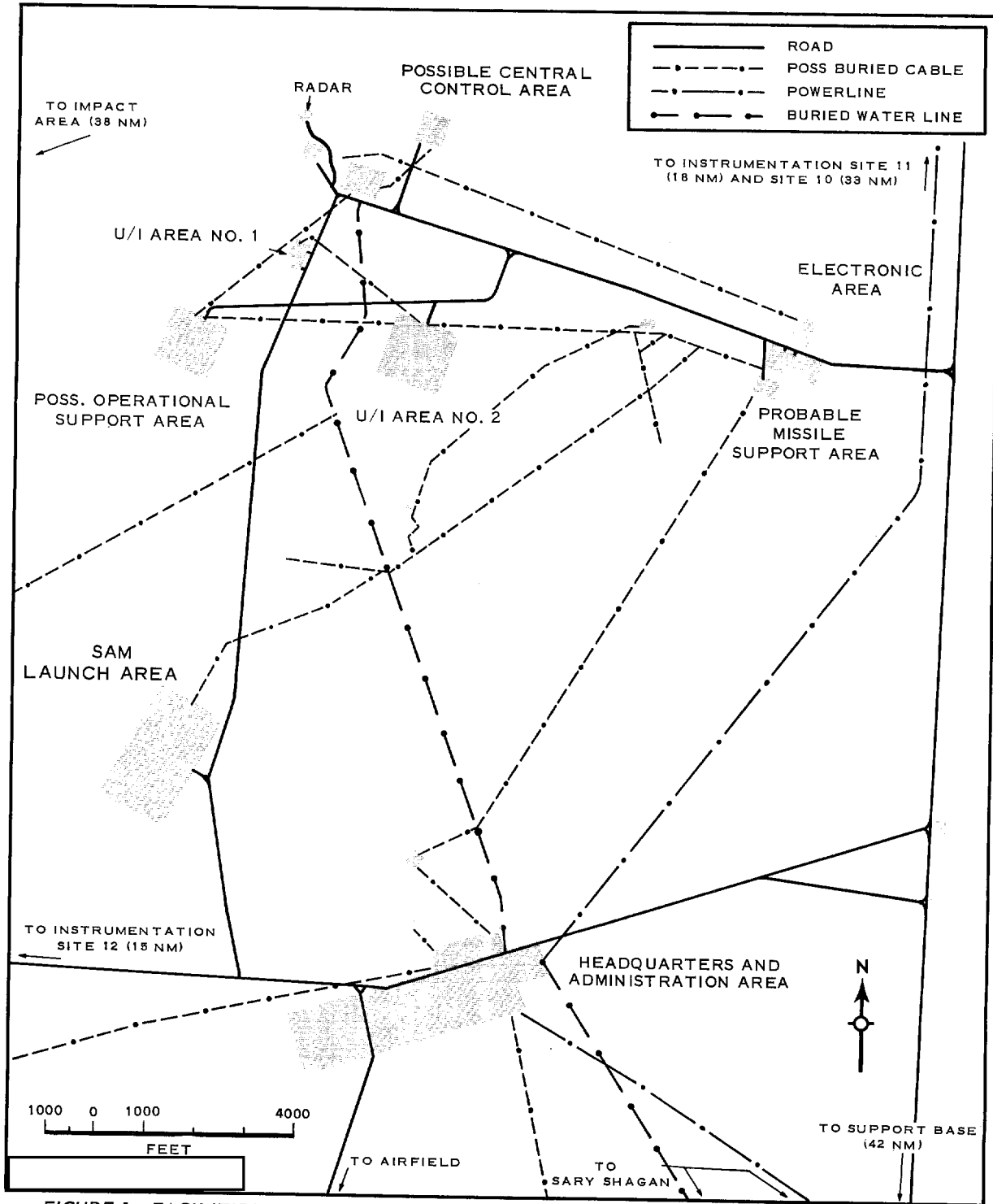
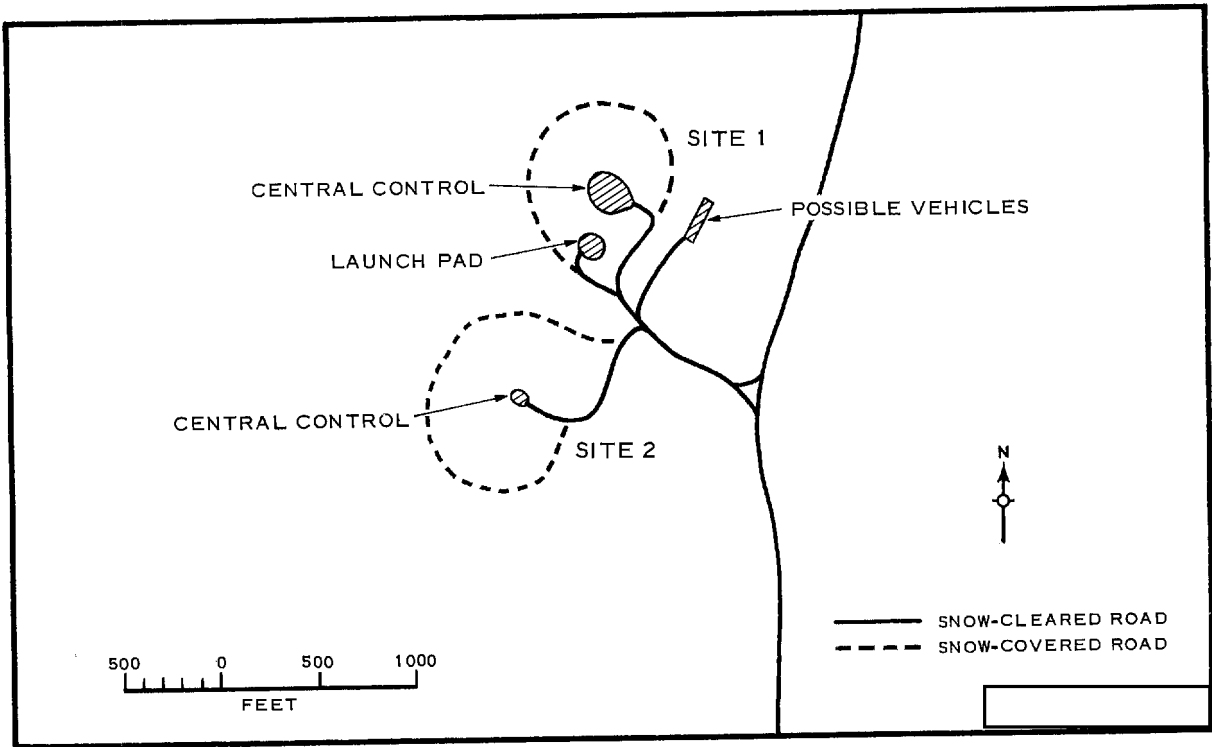


FIGURE 1. FACILITIES AT LAUNCH COMPLEX "A," SARY SHAGAN ANTIMISSILE TEST CENTER.

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FIGURE 2. SAM LAUNCH AREA, LAUNCH COMPLEX "A."

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