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# YELSK MRBM COMPLEX, USSR FIXED FIELD SITE



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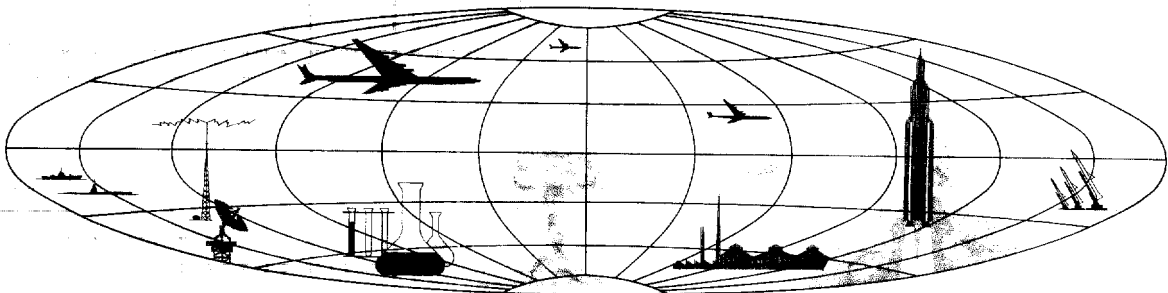
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YELSK MRBM COMPLEX, USSR

FIXED FIELD SITE 25X1D  
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Launch Area No 1 (TDI name: Yelsk Launch Site 1) -- Type I 51-42 N 29-12 E 25X1A  
Launch Area No 2 (TDI name: Yelsk Launch Site 2) -- Type I 51-47 N 29-18 E 25X1A

Yelsk Fixed Field Site (TDI name: Yelsk SSM Fixed Field Position) 51-50 N 29-05 E 25X1D

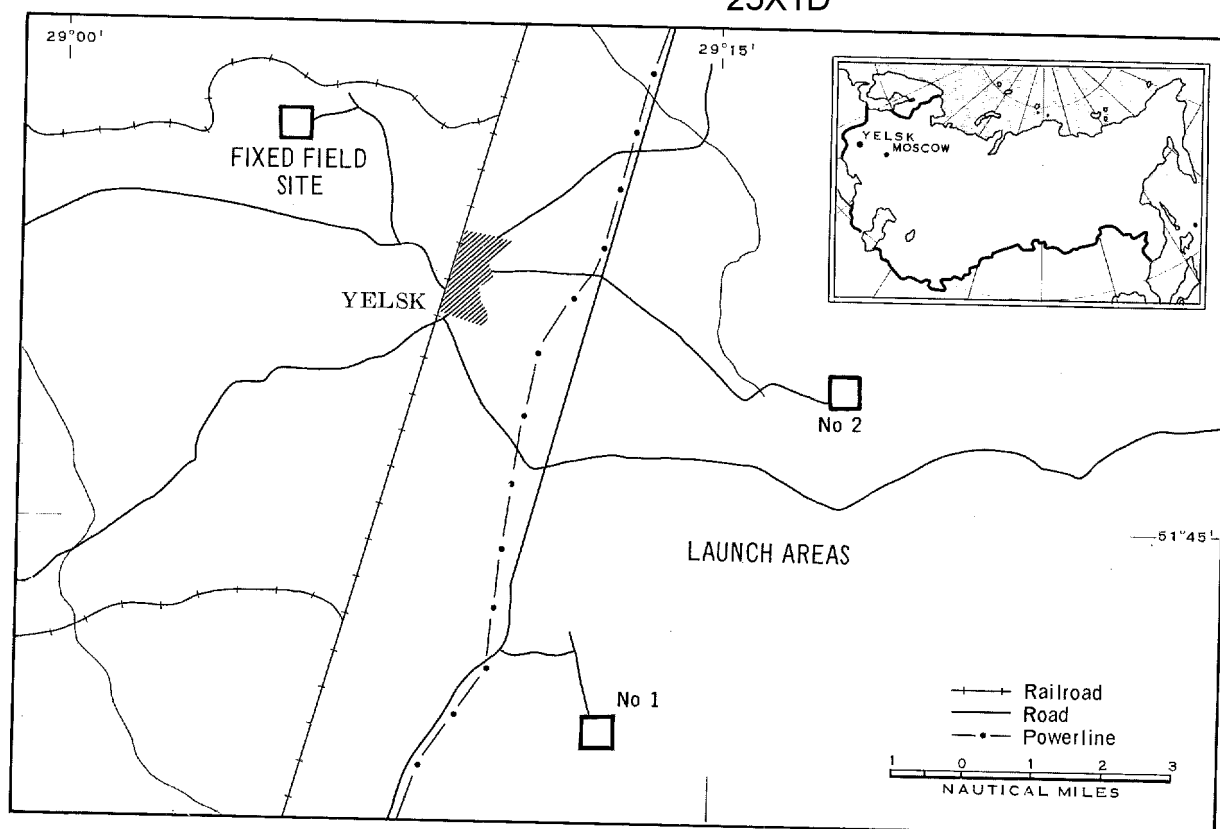


FIGURE 1. YELSK MRBM COMPLEX.

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This report supplements NPIC/R-96/64, 1/ which discusses the Yelsk MRBM Complex, previously consisting of two Type I MRBM launch areas.

The Yelsk Fixed Field Site (Figure 1) is located in a lightly wooded area at an approximate elevation of 460 feet, 3.3 nautical miles (nm) west-northwest of Yelsk in the Belorussian

SSR. Yelsk Launch Area No 1 is 9.3 nm to the southeast and Launch Area No 2 is 8.7 nm to the east-southeast. The rail yard at Yelsk is the probable rail-to-road transfer point for the MRBM complex and the field site. The launch areas and the field site are connected to Yelsk and each other by a good, probably all-weather, road network.

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The fixed field site can be negated in [REDACTED] and was first covered in [REDACTED] at which time snow cover precluded any identification or interpretation of the site. The first good photographic coverage and the only coverage since

The other three clearings contain probable canvas-covered erectors. In the southeast corner of the site are five probable missile-ready tents measuring 100 by 20 feet. In the southwest corner of the site is a line of seven probable vehicles. Adjacent to the padlike

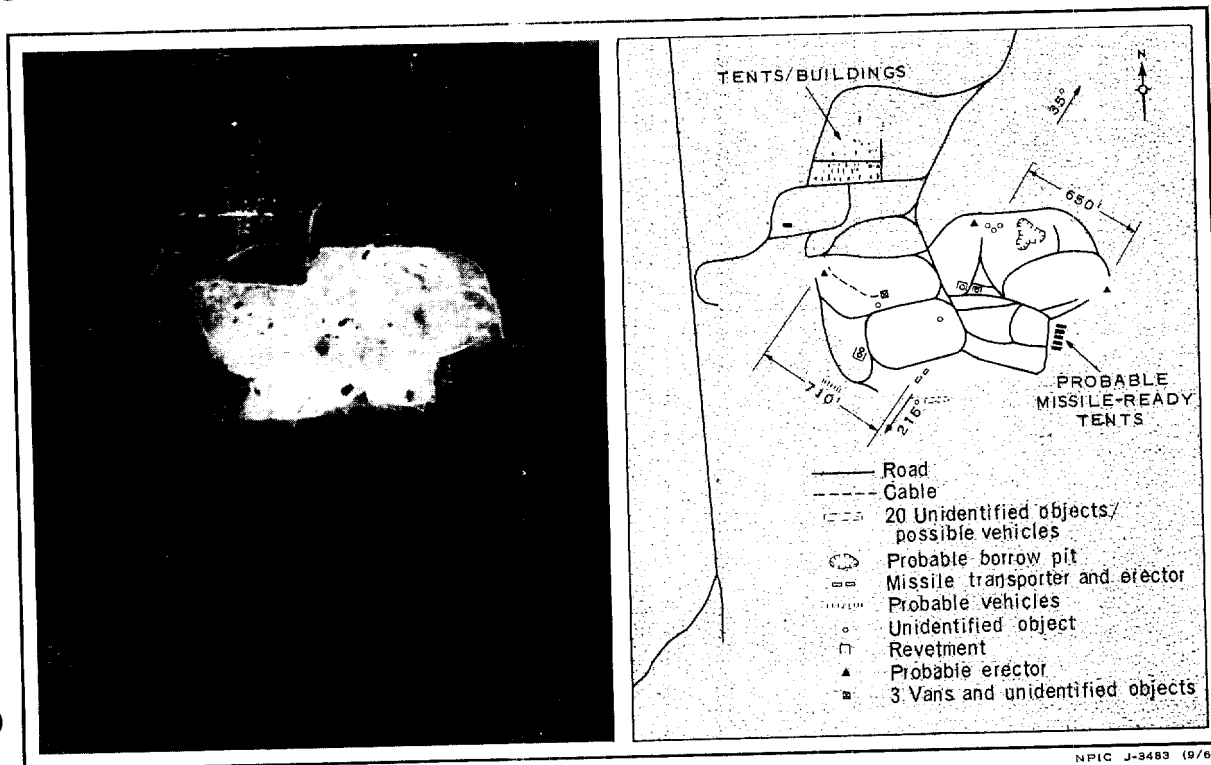


FIGURE 2. YELSK FIXED FIELD SITE.

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[REDACTED] at which time the site was identified. At that time the two MRBM launch areas were complete; they had been complete since [REDACTED]

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The access road enters the site (Figure 2) from the northeast. It then branches into a series of large loops which contain four padlike clearings. These clearings are separated into two pairs of two clearings and are offset. The southern clearing contains a missile transporter with a missile on it and an erector.

clearing containing the missile transporter and erector is a line of approximately 20 possible vehicles or unidentified objects. In the center of the site are two revetments, each containing an unidentified object. A cable connects the northwestern pad and a clearing which contains three probable control vans and several unidentified objects. In the southwestern corner of the site at the edge of a clump of trees is a revetment containing two unidentified objects. Three small unidentified objects (possible small vehicles) are present with the probable erector

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on the northern padlike clearing. A short distance north of the site, situated around a rectangular road pattern, are an undetermined number of tents and several small buildings. The pairs of clearings have azimuths of 35 and

215 degrees, which are the same as those of the launch pads at the two MRBM launch areas. There is no security fence discernible around the site.

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#### REFERENCES

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

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<u>Mission</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Camera</u>	<u>Frames</u>	<u>Classification</u>

#### MAPS OR CHARTS

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#### NPIC PROJECT

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