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JOINT PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

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INSTALLATION: Explosives Plant and Storage Area
LOCATION : El'ban, Khabarovsk Kray, USSR
B. E. NUMBER: None
WAC NUMBER: 204

BRIEF NO.: JB-1-59
DATE: 22 January 1959
LAT.: 50° 06' N
LONG.: 136° 30' E

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MAP DATA: AMS Series N504, Sheet NM53-6, Scale 1:250,000

REFERENCE: 1.

REQUIREMENTS: CIA HTA/RR/R-88/58, HTA/SI/R-21/58 and Army SRI's
61-1-58 and 98-1-58.

REMARKS:

This brief contains multiple codeword material, and supplements
HTA/JM-15/58, "Explosives Plant and Storage Areas near El'ban, USSR."

1. Identification and Location: Photography confirms the location
of Plant 637 at El'ban, about 34 nm southwest of Komsomol'sk. Plant 637
(Telegraphic Address ENISEJ) is subordinate to the Ministry of General
Machine Building and has been suspected of being an explosives plant
specializing in rocket propellants.

2. Relative Age of the Plant: plant
was in operation as far back as 1942-44 is consistent with the appearance
of the buildings and layout of the area on photography.

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5. Production: Although there are indications that Plant 637 produced bombs and fuzes during World War II, []

comparison of this plant with known explosives plants of various types shows that it most resembles those manufacturing propellants. Certain characteristics in the layout of buildings at the El'ban plant seem somewhat peculiar, perhaps due to the conversion of this plant from the production of other explosives.

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