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CHANGES IN APPEARANCE
OF

YEL'SK MRBM LAUNCH SITE NO 1, USSR

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Portions of Yel'sk MRBM Launch Site No 1 (51-42-00N 029-12-50E)

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appear considerably less distinct on the

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25X1B

This is

particularly true of the launch pads, ready buildings, and the road network within the launch pad area. The housing and support facilities appear very clear

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25X1D

likely that this launch site appears changed because of the growth of natural vegetation during the between coverages. The distinctive pattern seen in probably was due to the fresh clearings in the woods, fresh earthen spoil, and construction activity in progress.

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Also, it should be noted that on the photography the sun angle of 35° 30' causes more shadow than does the 48° 15' angle on the coverage. An increase in natural vegetation and the greater shadow on the coverage tends to obscure details in the wooded area of this launch site.

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