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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Military Division, OCI

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REFERENCES:

[redacted]
Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, OCS
Chief, CIA/PID (RPIC)
Missile Launching Sighted from Mrost-Minsk Highway
(a) Requirement G-CL-3-80,855
(b) CIA/PID Project C 1759-63
(c) IR-00-B-3,252,616 (29 Nov 63)

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1. This memorandum is in response to requirements dated [redacted] which request a study of [redacted] photography in order to gain information that might support or refute the missile launching described in the above cited Information Report (IR). The photo analyst assigned to this project was present at the interrogations on 12 and 17 December 1963 of the two sources who witnessed this launching and the contents of this memorandum reflect statements made in the IR obtained from one of the sources and additional clarifying verbal descriptions by both.

2. The following correlations of statements made by the sources can be made with [redacted] photography.

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(a) Excellent quality photography covered the area in question on 24 [redacted] three days before the observation of the launching.

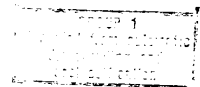
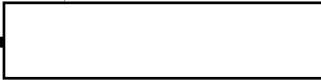


(a) [redacted] photography substantiates descriptions of the area in all aspects except judgement of distances by one source. The forest from which the source observed the launching of the rocket is located at 52-45N 25-30E and is referred to as Endlessnichestvo Vedotupitskoye on Army Map

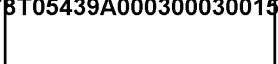
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Service sheets 3923 III and IV of series M751 (scale 1:50,000). The bus carrying the source passed 4,400 feet northwest of the forest edge as opposed to the four to seven miles one of them estimated. However, the second source estimated the distance to the forest as one-half mile.

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3. An examination of this forest tract as imaged on a number of [redacted] missions revealed that the area contains five rectangular cleared patterns, each road served, and each roughly similar to the others in size [redacted]. These were not present on [redacted], but had been constructed within outcrop sections of the forest two weeks later on [redacted].

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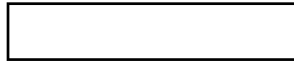
Existing roads were used whenever possible. The area appeared unchanged on good quality photography obtained on [redacted] but a newly constructed power trace passing through one of the clearings and continuing to another was evident on the [redacted] coverage [redacted], three days before the source's observations. The latest photography was of sufficient quality to discern footings for poles along the power trace. The attached graphic indicates construction progress of activities in this forest. Neither the construction of buildings, indications of a bivouac area, nor vehicles were visible on any of the coverages. The following is the location and size of each clearing along the shortest distance to Route 1. Item numbers are keyed to the attached graphic. Coordinates were taken from the above referenced maps.

	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Clearing Size</u>	<u>Distance to Route 1</u>
1.	52-43-25N 23-30-50E	220 by 270 feet	19,700 feet
2.	52-44-40N 23-32-10E	220 by 290 feet	17,500 feet
3.	52-44-50N 23-31-55E	200 by 290 feet	16,000 feet
4.	52-44-55N 23-31-05E	240 by 250 feet	13,500 feet
5.	52-45-10N 23-32-15E	290 by 290 feet	11,700 feet

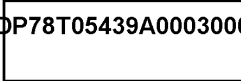
4. What appears to be a relatively unimproved road extends from the clearings north through the village of Chumly and crosses Route 1 just west of the Shehara River. After crossing Route 1, the road appears to be of better quality and continues north through the village of Gacynoye where it intersects the main Minsk-Brest rail line. This point is approximately 5 nautical miles north of the clearings. A good road continues from this point 6 nautical miles to the west-northwest directly to Slonim IREM Launch Area 1, the closest SEW launch area known to be in the vicinity. The closest known IREM launch complex is at Sargaya, 120 nautical miles to the north-northeast.

5. Two interesting observations worthy of comment in this memorandum have been made in relation to this launching.

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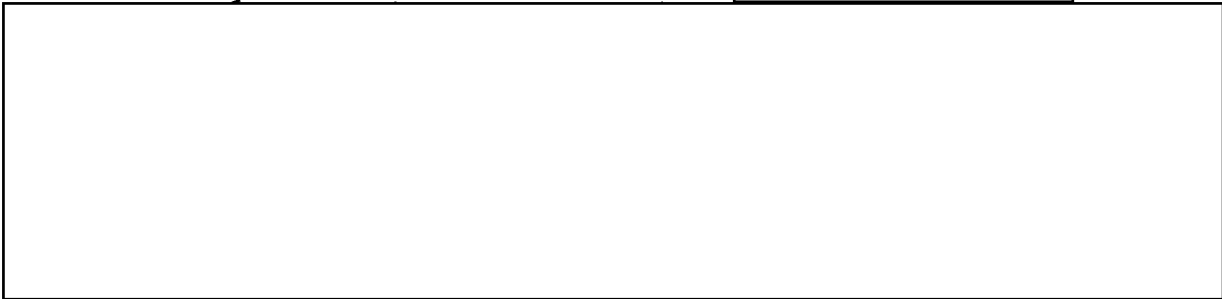
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(a) Impact areas B and C of Augustin Yar are located approximately 950 and 1,050 nautical miles, respectively, on an azimuth of [redacted] from the point the launching was observed.

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(b) The launching was observed at approximately 1128E (1428 Moscow time), [redacted] since one of the sources stated that when he looked at his watch after observing the missile in flight for approximately two minutes it was 1430 Moscow time. The vehicle for [redacted]



6. The photo analyst on this project is [redacted] and he may be contacted on extension [redacted] should there be any questions concerning this project.

7. This project is considered to be complete.



Enclosure:

1 - One line drawing
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