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17 January 1964  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Military-Economics Division, ORR

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ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

THROUGH: Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Bayram-Ali SSM Launch Site

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement C-RR-4-80, 93  
(b) CIA/PID Project C 55-64 (S 131-64)

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 3 January 1964 which requests a detailed description of the SSM launch site recently identified near Bayram-Ali in Turkmanaskaya, USSR.

2. This site is situated in a desert area nine nautical miles north of Bayram-Ali and twenty nautical miles northeast of Mary at 37-46-00N 62-12-00E. Both of these cities are rail served.

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The launch site has only been observed one time on KEYHOLE photography [REDACTED] and was complete at that time. The area of the site was covered on [REDACTED] at which time construction had not been started. The site is similar to six other singly deployed MRBM and IRBM launch areas in the USSR and a pad separation of 750 feet puts it into an IRBM category rather than MRBM. Other similar IRBMs are located at Zhuravka and Belomersk.

The site consists of four elongated clearings aligned on an azimuth of approximately 185 degrees inter-connected by what appears to be unpaved roads. Four earth-mounded ready buildings, each measuring 75 by 200 feet, are present. Three of these buildings are positioned behind a launch pad with the fourth being on the central service road. Positioned behind the second pad, when counting from east to west, is a building similar in size to the ready buildings but not earth-mounded.

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Also present at the launch area are two support buildings and a category [REDACTED]. A number of small structures and bunkers are positioned between the launch pads as indicated in the attached graphic. No housing facilities are present and there are no erectors or other pieces of equipment visible within the launch area on good quality photography. There are no improved roads serving the site and the nearest identified SSM activity is at Kurgancha, 250 nautical miles to the northeast.

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3. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension 2079 should you have any further questions concerning this project.

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4. This project is considered to be complete. [REDACTED]

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Enclosure:

1 - One (1) line drawing  
(CIA/PID/MEB-P-52/64)

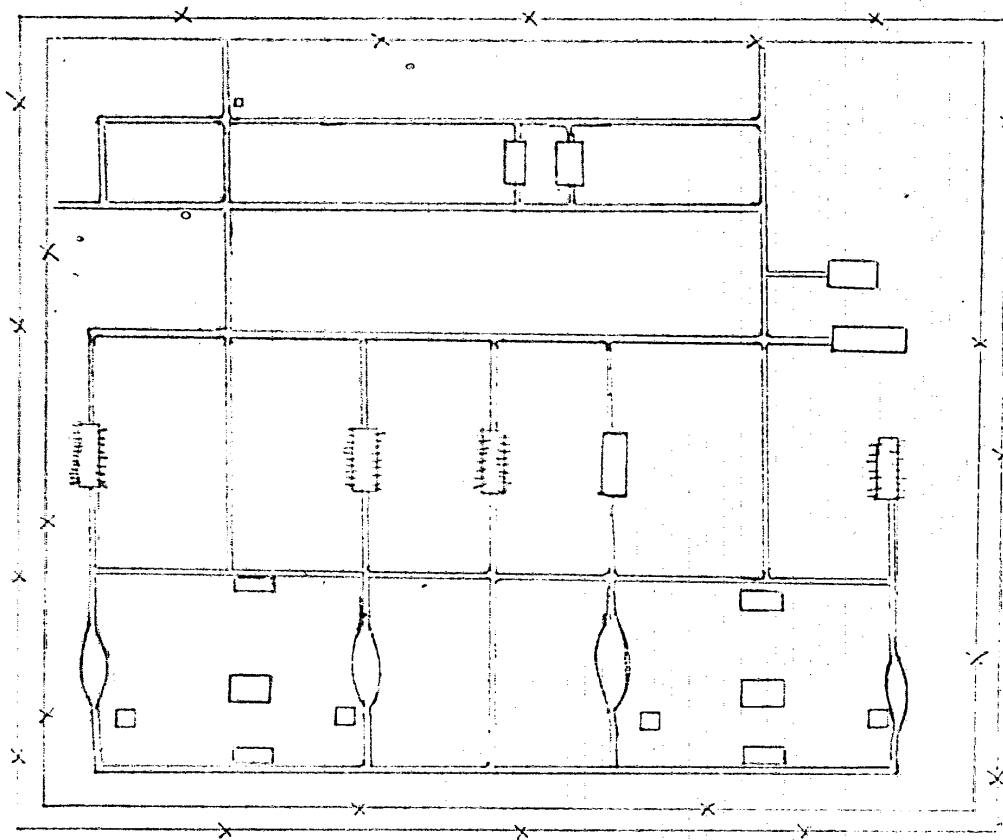
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BAYRAM-ALI SSM Launch Site

Approximate scale: 1 inch equals 500 feet.



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