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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Defensive Systems Division, OSI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

THRU: Chief, RB/RB/CGS

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Photo Study, Suspect Torpedo Test Site; Lake Issyk Kul, USSR

REFERENCE: C-SI4-81,471 (Project No. C 953-64)

1. In response to Requirement No. C-SI4-81,471 (C 953-64), a photographic analysis was performed on the Lake Issyk Kul region, USSR (42 30N-72 30E), in order to confirm or deny the presence of suspected torpedo testing facilities at each of the following locations: Chong-Saryoy (42 35N-76 55E); Grigoryevka (42 40N-77 30E); and Chongdzhargylchak (42 11N-77 37E).

2. Analysis of the latest available KH-4 coverage of these areas has failed to reveal features which could be related to torpedo or military testing - or to a possible Hydrodynamics Institute. The very minor pier facilities observed at Chong-Saryoy and Grigoryevka on the north side of Lake Issyk Kul appeared to be located in shallow water. No pier facilities were noted at Chongdzhargylchak. All three settlements appear to be agricultural or resort areas.

3. As per agreement between the requestor and the PI on [REDACTED] additional information pertaining to each of these agricultural/resort areas has already been informally provided to the requestor.

4. It should be noted that Sheet NK 44-4, Series DESPA-1, Edition 1-AMS, carries a torpedo and mine testing facility in the vicinity of 43 34N-78 18E. A scan of [REDACTED] photography dated [REDACTED] has revealed that an unidentified coastal facility possibly serving this function does exist 7 nm NW of Przheval'sk at 42 33 40N-78 16 20E. This information was discussed via telecon between [REDACTED] CIA/OSI/DSD/NB, and [REDACTED] CIA/PID/GMB (NPIC), on 10 July 1964.

Reviewed by NGA.

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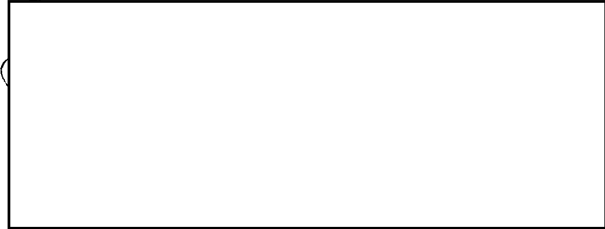
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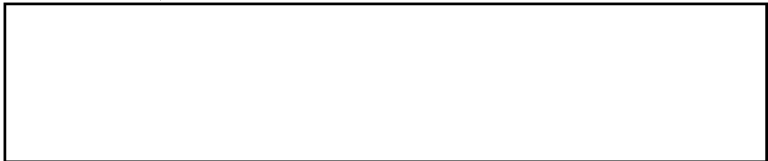
5. The photo analysis on this project was performed by [redacted] CIA/PID/GMB (NPIC), who may be contacted on ext. [redacted] for any additional information. This project was coordinated with [redacted] CIA/PID/MEB (NPIC).

6. This memo completes the referenced requirement.



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