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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

GOMEL MRBM COMPLEX, USSR

FIXED FIELD SITE

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FIXED FIELD SITE

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GOMEL

MOSCOW
GOMEL

30°45'   31°00'

GOMEL

52°25' —   LAUNCH AREA NO 2
              □

RAIL-TO-ROAD
TRANSFER POINT

                        FIXED FIELD SITE
                            □

52'20' —

            □ LAUNCH AREA
                NO 1

            ———•— Railroad
            ———— Road

        0   1   2   3
        NAUTICAL MILES
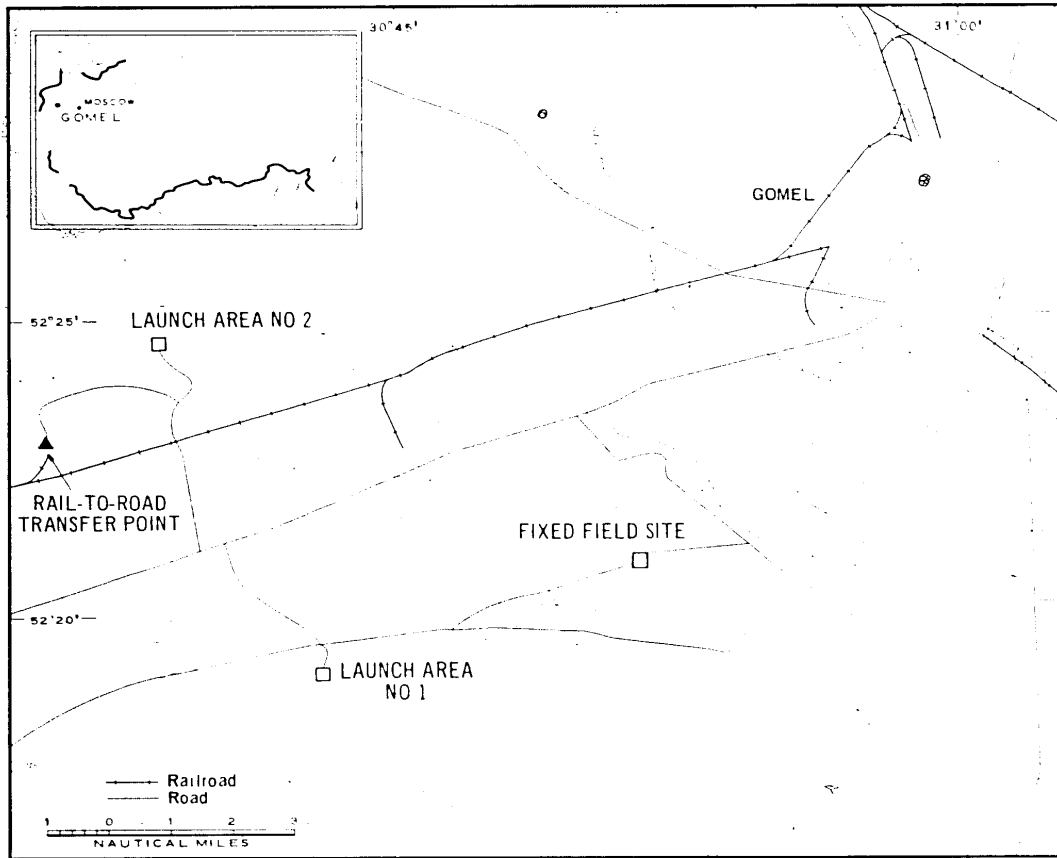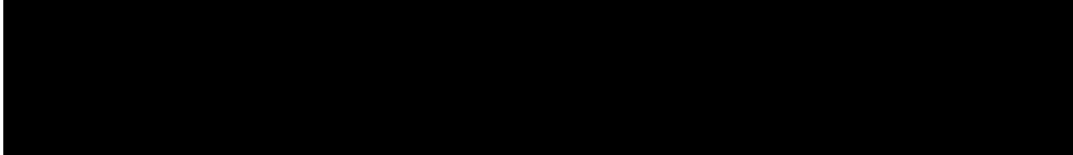
FIGURE 1. GOMEL MRBM COMPLEX, USSR

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This report supplements NPIC/R-221/63, 1/ which discusses the Gomel MRBM Launch Complex, previously consisting of two Type II launch areas.

Gomel MRBM Launch Areas No 1 and 2 (Figure 1) were first observed in ▮▮▮▮ and were probably complete. Launch Area No 1 is 5.6 nautical miles (nm) west-southwest of the fixed field site and Launch Area No 2 is 8.9 nm northwest of it. Both are connected to the fixed field site by road.

The fixed field site (Figure 2) is located in a level wooded area 7.5 nm southwest of Gomel. It was not present on photography of ▮▮▮▮ and was first observed in ▮▮▮▮ At that time the site consisted of four probable launch positions interconnected by a road network. The site remained unchanged on photography of ▮▮▮▮

vehicles or equipment had been observed up to that time. ▮▮▮▮ 5 probable missile-ready tents and at least 17 probable personnel tents were moved into the area. However, no equipment or vehicles were discernible on the probable launch positions. The next time the site was observed ▮▮▮▮ all the probable tents had been removed and no activity was discernible at the site.

A rail-to-road transfer point is located 2.5 nm southwest of Launch Area No 2, 6.0 nm northwest of Launch Area No 1, and 10.0 nm west-northwest of the fixed field site. It could be utilized by all three sites, as it is connected to each of them by road.

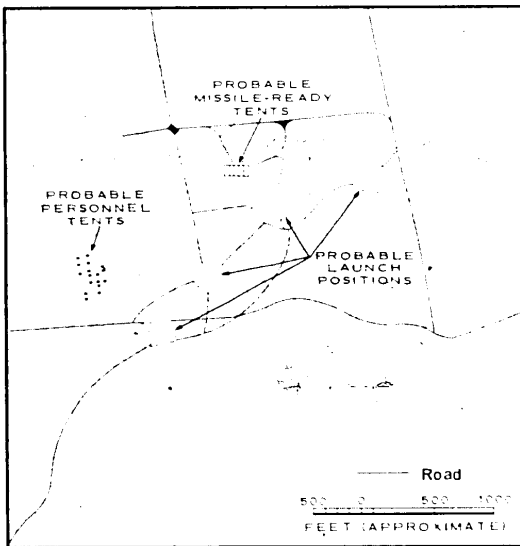25X1D
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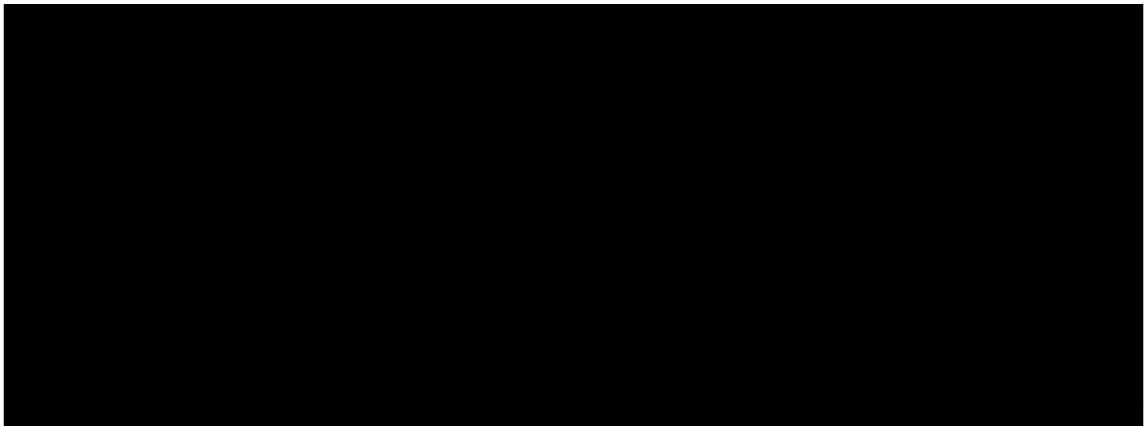25X1D
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PROBABLE
MISSILE-READY
TENTS

PROBABLE
PERSONNEL
TENTS

PROBABLE
LAUNCH
POSITIONS

Road

500   0   500   1000
FEET (APPROXIMATE)

FIGURE 2. GOMEL FIXED FIELD MRBM SITE.

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