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Copy 1LAUNCH COMPLEX "J"

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1. [REDACTED] REVEALED A NEW AREA OF UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY BETWEEN LAUNCH COMPLEXES "A" AND "E" AT THE TTMC. THIS AREA, WHICH WAS RAIL AND ROAD SERVED, WAS LATER DESIGNATED COMPLEX "J" [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE BY 16 KH MISSIONS SHOWED CONTINUED EXPANSION OF THE FACILITIES, INCLUDING A LARGE HEXAGONALLY-SHAPED EXCAVATION LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 3 NM NNW OF LAUNCH PAD A1 (LAUNCH COMPLEX "A"), AND A MASSIVE RAIL-SERVED BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIS BUILDING MEASURED APPROXIMATELY 800 X 615 FT AND HAD 2 SECTIONS: THE LARGER AT LEAST 175 FT HIGH AND THE SMALLER AT LEAST 120 FT IN HEIGHT.

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OTHER FACILITIES WITHIN COMPLEX "J" INCLUDED A ROAD AND RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHICH EXTENDED FROM THE SUPPORT AREA TOWARD THE LARGE EXCAVATION, A HOUSING AREA, AND A CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AREA.

2. [REDACTED] REVEALED PROGRESS ON A SECOND LARGE EXCAVATION LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1,700 FT WNW OF THE ORIGINAL LARGE EXCAVATION. TWO BUILDINGS HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN THE EXCAVATIONS AND SEVERAL SHALLOW RECTANGULAR EXCAVATIONS WERE NOTED NEAR BY. THE RAIL LINE HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO FORM A WISHBONE CONFIGURATION TERMINATING BETWEEN THE 2 LARGE EXCAVATIONS. THIS AREA OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY APPEARED SIMILAR TO THAT OBSERVED AT LAUNCH AREA G3-G4 (LAUNCH COMPLEX "G") WHEN THAT

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LAUNCH AREA WAS IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. THE 2 LARGE EXCAVATIONS, CONSIDERED TO BE LAUNCH PADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION, WERE DESIGNATED J1 AND J2.

THE MASSIVE BUILDING, APPEARING COMPLETED, WAS DESIGNATED THE ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT BUILDING. TWO PARALLEL SCARS, POSSIBLY GANTRY TRACKS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND APPROXIMATELY 60 FT APART, EXTENDED FROM THE ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT BUILDING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE LARGE EXCAVATIONS.

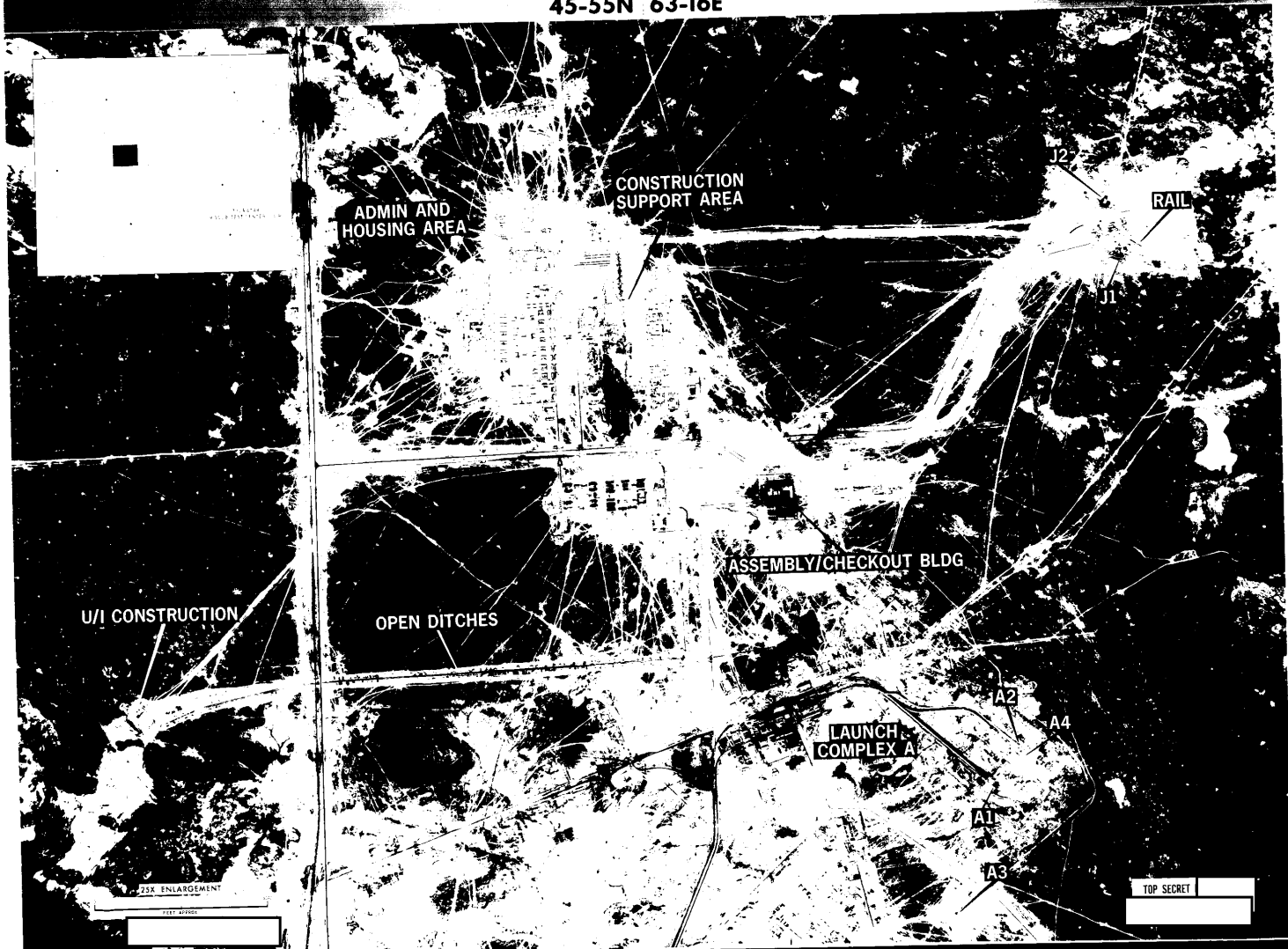
3. THIS MISSION REVEALS CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION AT THE COMPLEX. THE EXCAVATION AT J2 APPEARS TO BE AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME DEPTH AS THE ONE AT J1. A RECTANGULAR STRUCTURE WITH A CIRCULAR CONFIGURATION IN ITS CENTER IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE BOTTOM OF J1. THERE ARE NOW 9 BUILDINGS BETWEEN J1 AND J2 AND FOOTINGS FOR SEVERAL MORE. THE RIGHT FORK OF THE RAIL HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO A POINT NE OF J1. AN AREA OF UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 3.2 NM SSW OF THE ASSEMBLY/CHECKOUT BUILDING. DITCHING CONNECTS COMPLEX J AND THIS UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION.

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