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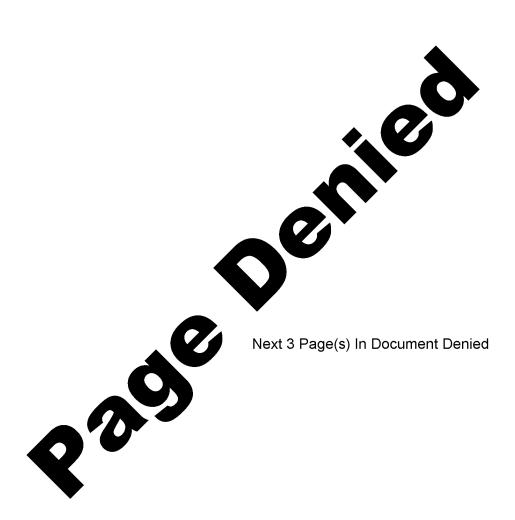
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PLESETSK MISSILE HANDLING FACILITY, USSR

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- 1. (S/D) <u>SIGNIFICANCE</u>: PLESETSK MISSILE HANDLING FACILITY IS BEING <u>EXPANDED</u> TO <u>SUPPORT</u> NEW SOLID-PROPELLANT ICBM FLIGHT TEST PROGRAMS.
- 2. (S/D) REMARKS: THREE AREAS AT PLESETSK MISSILE HANDLING FACILITY ARE BEING MODIFIED/CONSTRUCTED IN SUPPORT OF NEW SOLID-PROPELLANT ICBM FLIGHT TEST PROGRAMS (GRAPHIC 1). A MISSILE RECEIVING AND CHECKOUT AREA (MRACA) FOR A MEDIUM-SIZED SOLID-PROPELLANT (MEDIUM-SOLID) ICBM IS NEARING COMPLETION (GRAPHIC 2). NEW CONSTRUCTION AND MODIFICATION TO EXISTING BUILDINGS IN THE SS-16 RECEIVING/INSPECTION/CHECKOUT (RIC) FACILITY INDICATE THAT IT WILL SUPPORT THE FLIGHT TEST PROGRAM OF THE FOLLOW-ON TO THE SS-16 MOBILE-ICBM (GRAPHIC 3). RECENTLY A NEW POSSIBLE MRACA WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION (GRAPHIC 4).
 - (S/D) THE MEDIUM-SOLID MRACA HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR NEARLY FOUR YEARS (GRAPHIC 2). NEW BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED INCLUDE A 102-METER CLERESTORY-TYPE MISSILE RECEIVING AND CHECKOUT BUILDING WITH A RAIL TRANSLOADING-DOCK, A REVETTED FOUR-BAY INTERIM MISSILE STORAGE BUILDING, TWO PROBABLE TELEMETRY/CHECKOUT BUILDINGS CONNECTED BY AN ABOVE GROUND PERSONNEL PASSAGEWAY, A HIGH TWO-BAY DRIVE-THROUGH BUILDING, A TWO-BAY RAIL TRANSLOADING SHED, AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED BUILDING. THIS FACILITY WILL PROBABLY BE COMPLETED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1982, AFTER WHICH THE FLIGHT TEST PROGRAM OF THE MEDIUM-SOLID ICBM WILL PROBABLY BEGIN.
 - (S/D) THE SS-16 RIC FACILITY HAS BEEN UNDERGOING MODIFICATION TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOW-ON TO THE SS-16 MOBILE-ICBM SINCE SEPTEMBER 1980 (GRAPHIC 3). A CLERESTORY-TYPE BUILDING, A TWO-BAY SHED, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED BUILDING ARE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. THE SS-16 RIC AND THE FOUR-BAY RAIL-SERVED INTERIM MISSILE STORAGE BUILDINGS WERE MODIFIED. TWO PROBABLE MISSILE CANISTER DOLLIES HAVE BEEN IN THIS FACILITY SINCE AT LEAST MARCH 1982. MODIFICATION/CONSTRUCTION OF THIS FACILITY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE FALL OF 1982.

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