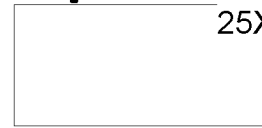


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POSSIBLE MOSCOW TERMINAL FOR USSR—CUBA SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS LINK IDENTIFIED (S)

1. [redacted] The Moscow terminal of a new USSR—Cuba satellite communications link¹ was possibly identified at Moscow/Shchelkovo ESV Tracking Facility [redacted] Figure 1) on imagery of [redacted]

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2. (S/WN) The identification of the possible Moscow terminal of this new satellite communications link is based on the following activity at Moscow/Shchelkovo. On [redacted] (Figure 2) two PARK DRIVE antenna sets were observed for the first time at Shchelkovo. They were parked in a vehicle storage area east of a [redacted] antenna. On [redacted] (Figure 3) the two PARK DRIVES were operationally deployed northwest of the [redacted] antenna. On [redacted] (Figure 4), one PARK DRIVE had been removed, but one remained operationally deployed northwest of the [redacted] antenna. Two unoccupied parking hardstands had been constructed nearby, a new [redacted] antenna had been positioned west of the [redacted] antenna, and cable trenches connected the new hardstand area, the [redacted] meter antenna, and the [redacted] (Figure 5), five days before the new link was activated, the PARK DRIVE was operationally deployed on the new parking hardstands, where it has remained.

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3. (S/WN) The Cuban terminal for this link is probably Lourdes Central Sigint Complex (BE [redacted]) where two PARK DRIVE antennas have been present for several years.

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(S) Comments and queries regarding this report are welcome. They may be directed to [redacted] Soviet Strategic Forces Division, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC, [redacted]

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FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MOSCOW/SHCHELKOVO ESV TRACKING FACILITY, USSR

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