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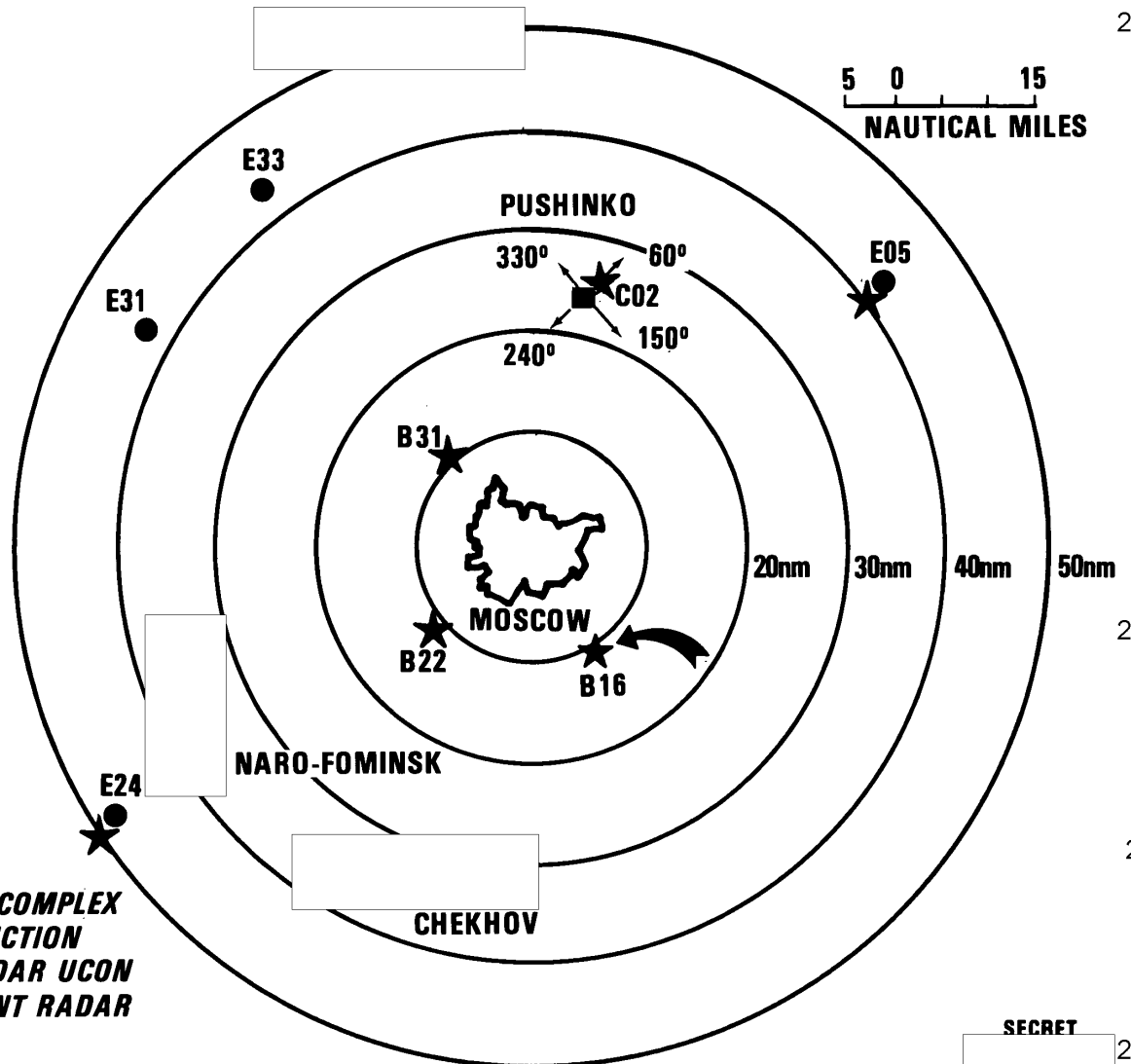
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MOSKVA SAM SITE B16-2, USSR

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A NEW PROBABLE ABM LAUNCH COMPLEX IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT MOSKVA SAM SITE B16-2, WHICH IS IN THE MOSCOW ABM INNER DEFENSE RING.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: ALTHOUGH NO SILOS ARE YET PRESENT AT THIS FORMER SA-2 LAUNCH SITE, THERE ARE STRONG SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT B16-2 AND THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION OBSERVED AT OTHER ABM COMPLEXES IN THE MOSCOW AREA (GRAPHIC 1).

(SWN) ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS ACCOMPLISHED AT OTHER SITES WHERE ABM SILOS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS THE REALIGNMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE OLD FENCE LINE (GRAPHIC 2). THE NEW FENCE CONSISTS OF LARGE SOLID PANELS WHICH PROVIDE HORIZONTAL SECURITY. OTHER TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION CONSISTS OF THE LEVELING OF ANY SA-2 LAUNCH REVETMENTS IN AREAS WHERE SILOS ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED; CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD WITH LARGE PAVING BLOCKS ALONG THE LINE WHERE SILOS ARE TO BE POSITIONED; THE CLEARING OF TWO AREAS FOR THE EVENTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SUPPORT BUILDINGS; AND THE WIDENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITE ACCESS ROAD.

(SWN) THE ABOVE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED AT MOSKVA POSS ABM COMPLEX B22 [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 3 PROVIDED FOR COMPARISON) AND MOSKVA ABM LAUNCH COMPLEX B31 [REDACTED] WHEN THEIR CONVERSION FROM SA-2 LAUNCH SITES TO ABM LAUNCH COMPLEXES BEGAN. THIS SAME TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION IS NOW UNDERWAY AT B16-2. [REDACTED]

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 55-34-39N 037-46-18E

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