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MODIFIED PRIMORYE AGI
CHALMPUSHKA/ROSLYAKOVA SHIP REPAIR YARD, JSSR (SWN)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE ELECTRONICS SUITE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY MODIFIED/UPGRADED ON THE 'ZAKARPATY'E', ONE OF TWO SOVIET NORTHERN FLEET-SUBORDINATED PRIMORYE-CLASS INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION SHIPS (AGI). (SWN)

2. REMARKS: AT CHALMPUSHKA/ROSLYAKOVA SHIP REPAIR YARD ON [Redacted] A FLAT, PROBABLE RADAR COVER/BASE HAD BEEN INSTALLED IN THE [Redacted] DIAMETER HOLE WHICH HAD BEEN CUT IN THE ROOF OF THE FORWARD DECKHOUSE. ADDITIONAL ELECTRONICS HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE FORWARD MAST ON THE AFT DECKHOUSE. THIS MAST WAS REINFORCED TO SUPPORT THE ADDED WEIGHT OF THE NEW LIGHT-TONED PROBABLE ANTENNAE WHICH APPEAR TO COVER MOST OF THE MAST. A NEW LIGHT ELECTRONICS MAST HAD ALSO BEEN ADDED TO THE AFT END OF THE AFT DECKHOUSE. THE MAIN MAST REMAINS SCAFFOLDED PRECLUDING ASSESSMENT OF ANY ADDITIONAL ELECTRONICS. (SWN)

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THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE ELECTRONICS MASTS HAD BEGUN IN THE SPRING OF 1981. ON [Redacted] 'ZAKARPATY'E' WAS IN THE LARGE FLOATING DRYDOCK (YFDB) AT ROSLYAKOVA. THE SHIP WAS MOVED TO THE QUAY AT CHALMPUSHKA BETWEEN [Redacted] BUT DUE TO POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE NEW ELECTRONICS WERE NOT DISCERNIBLE AT THAT TIME. A DARK AREA, WHICH LATER DEVELOPED INTO THE CIRCULAR RADAR/BASE, WAS NOTED IN THE ROOF OF THE FORWARD DECKHOUSE ON [Redacted] THIS [Redacted] DIAMETER RADAR/BASE IS SIMILAR TO THE 4- AND 5-METER DIAMETER RADOME BASES INSTALLED ON THE BAL'ZAM-CLASS AGI; HOWEVER, NO FLAT AREA HAS BEEN OBSERVED WITHIN THE BAL'ZAM BASES. (SWN)

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UNTIL THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAL'ZAM AGI THE PRIMORYE-CLASS (SIX UNITS EXIST) WAS THE SOVIETS LARGEST DEDICATED INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION SHIP. THE UPGRADING OF THE 'ZAKARPATE'E' (THE LAST PRIMORYE AGI CONSTRUCTED) MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO SUPPLEMENT THE SOPHISTICATED BAL'ZAM AGI (THREE HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED) WITH EXISTING PRIMORYE HULLS. (SWN)

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SOVIET AGI FUNCTION AS ELECTRONICS INTELLIGENCE GATHERING SHIPS. THEY MONITOR FOREIGN MISSILE FIRINGS, SPACE EVENTS, AND MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS. THEY ALSO FUNCTION AS COMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH SOVIET AIR AND SEABORNE MILITARY FORCES. (SWN) [Redacted]

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3. [Redacted] COORDINATES 69-03-28N 033-12-03E

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