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M1983/1 TANK PROBABLY IN PRODUCTION AT OMSK
OMSK TANK TESTING FACILITY, USSR (SWN)



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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE SIGHTING OF FOUR PROBABLE M1983/1 TANKS AT A TEST FACILITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE OMSK TANK PLANT VOROSHILOV 174 [REDACTED] INDICATES THAT M1983/1 TANK PRODUCTION IS PROBABLY UNDERWAY AT THE PLANT. OMSK HAS NOT HAD A MAJOR TANK PROGRAM SINCE 1979 WHEN T-55 SERIES PRODUCTION ENDED. (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: FOUR PROBABLE M1983/1 TANKS (TWO OFF GRAPHIC) WERE AT OMSK TANK TESTING FACILITY [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 1). KEY IDENTIFYING FEATURES INCLUDE THE PRESENCE OF PROBABLE ENGINE AIR INTAKE VENTS BEHIND THE TURRET EXTENDING Laterally FROM FENDER LINE TO FENDER LINE AND A PROBABLE CENTERED EXTENSION OFF THE REAR END OF THE TANK WHICH MAY BE AN ENGINE EXHAUST VENT. THESE TWO FEATURES ARE UNIQUE TO THE M1983/1 (INSET GRAPHIC 1). NO BRACKETS FOR THE EXTERNAL FUEL DRUMS COULD BE IDENTIFIED (ALSO A UNIQUE M1983/1 FEATURE) DUE TO IMAGERY INTERPRETABILITY. THE TANKS ARE [REDACTED] HAVE A SLOPED FRONTAL GLACIS PLATE, AN INFRARED PROJECTOR TO THE RIGHT OF THE MAIN GUN, AND EQUIPMENT/AMMUNITIONS BOXES ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT SIDES OF THE TURRET. ONE POSSIBLE M1983/1 AND A 60-TON TANK TRANSPORTER WERE PRESENT [REDACTED] (SWN)

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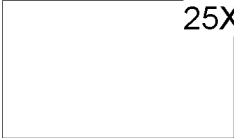
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ALTHOUGH THE OMSK TANK TEST FACILITY WAS ONLY RECENTLY CONFIRMED ON IMAGERY, HISTORICAL COVERAGE INDICATES THAT TANK TEST PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY AT THE TEST FACILITY SINCE THE DAYS OF THE T-55 TANK PROGRAM. TANK TRANSPORTERS SEEN OVER THE YEARS AT THE OMSK TANK PLANT PROBABLY ARE USED TO MOVE TANKS PRODUCED AT OMSK TO THE TEST FACILITY. MAIN ROADS PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS FROM THE TANK PLANT TO THE TEST FACILITY (FIGURE 2). THE TANK TEST FACILITY IS FIVE NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE TANK PLANT AND IS SIMILAR IN SIZE, LAYOUT, AND DISTANCE (RELATIVE LOCATION FROM TEST FACILITY TO TANK PLANT) TO THE TANK TESTING FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH KHARKOV TANK LOCO A RAND MALYSHEV 75

[REDACTED] AND NIZHNIY TAGIL TANK/RR CAR MFG PLANT 183 THE OTHER TWO SOVIET TANK PLANTS. ALL THREE TESTING FACILITIES SUPPORT FACTORY AND MILITARY-ACCEPTANCE TESTING FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE PLANTS. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- NEW PRODUCTION FACILITIES (PROBABLY FOR THE M1983/1 TANK PROGRAM) HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED AT OMSK IN RECENT YEARS. A LARGE TANK FINAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING WHICH WAS EXTERNALLY COMPLETED IN MARCH 1982 MAY NOW BE OPERATIONAL. NO CONFIRMED TANK PRODUCTION OR SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED FROM THE PLANT SINCE 1979, WHEN T-55 PRODUCTION ENDED. NEVERTHELESS, THE FREQUENT SIGHTINGS OF TANK TRANSPORTERS WITHIN THE PLANT, THE PRESENCE OF PROBABLE M1983/1 TANKS AND A TANK TRANSPORTER AT THE TEST FACILITY, AND THE REGULAR USE OF THE TEST FACILITY BY TRACKED VEHICLES ARE FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT M1983/1 TANK PRODUCTION IS UNDERWAY AT OMSK. (SWN) [Redacted]

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- 3. [Redacted] COORDINATES 54-52-17N 073-29-05E GRAPHICS 1 AND 2. (S)

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