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NPIC/PEG (4/84)  
TWO-PART GRAPHICPROBABLE SS-16 MOBILE MISSILE ACTIVITY  
PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 5, USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: CLEARED POSITIONS FOR PROBABLE SS-16 TRANSPORTER-ERECTOR-LAUNCHER (TEL) LEVELING JACKS ARE IN THE SNOW IN FRONT OF TWO LAUNCH REFERENCE POSITIONS (LRP) AND ARE AN INDICATION OF CONTINUED SS-16 MOBILE ICBM ACTIVITY AT THIS INSTALLATION (GRAPHIC 1). (TSR)

2. REMARKS: THE CLEARED POSITIONS ARE IN A PATTERN SEEN WITH ALL THREE SOVIET MOBILE-MISSILE SYSTEMS: THE SS-20 MOBILE IRBM, THE SS-16 MOBILE ICBM, AND THE SS-X-25 MOBILE ICBM. AT LAUNCH TEST SITE 5, THE IN-LINE DISTANCE FROM THE FRONT TEL LEVELING-JACK POSITIONS TO THE CENTER OF THE LRP MATCH THOSE FOR AN SS-16 TEL. THE COMPARABLE DISTANCES FOR THE SS-X-25 ICBM, AS SEEN AT PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 23

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AND SS-20 IRBM RESPECTIVELY (GRAPHIC 2). THE CLEARED POSITIONS WERE PRESENT AND WERE MORE DISCERNIBLE ON THAT DATE. SUBSEQUENT SNOW MELT OCCURRING HAS PARTIALLY REMOVED THE SIGNATURES OF TWO OF THE FOUR CLEARED POSITIONS AT EACH LOCATION. (TSR)

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SNOW REMOVAL FROM THE COVERS OF THE LRP AND THE RECTANGULAR AREAS IN FRONT OF THE LRP AT THE FOUR MOBILE ICBM FACILITIES AT PLESETSK HAS BEEN A COMMON PROCEDURE SINCE THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION OF LRP IN 1976. THE PRACTICE OF REMOVING SNOW AND MAINTAINING ACCESS TO INDIVIDUAL LRP AT EACH INSTALLATION USUALLY BEGINS BY LATE OCTOBER FOLLOWING THE EARLIEST SNOWFALL AND CONTINUES INTO THE MONTH OF APRIL WHEN SNOWMELT CLEARS ALL HARD-SURFACED AREAS OF REMAINING SNOW COVER. (TSR)

3. COORDINATES 63-03-20N 040-57-19E

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