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**FIRST CANDID TANKER DEPLOYMENT
IVANOVO NORTH AIRFIELD, USSR (SWN)**



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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THIS WAS THE FIRST CANDID TANKER IDENTIFIED AT AN OPERATIONAL AIRFIELD. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: THE FIRST DEPLOYMENT OF THE CANDID TANKER WAS OBSERVED AT IVANOVO NORTH AIRFIELD ON IMAGERY OF [REDACTED] THE AIRCRAFT WAS PARKED ON A CANDID HARDSTAND IN THE CANDID DISPERSAL AREA AND IS PROBABLY ASSIGNED TO THE CANDID TRAINING UNIT HOUSED AT THIS AIRFIELD. THE WINGS WERE CANVAS COVERED WHICH PRECLUDED THE IDENTIFICATION OF A BORT NUMBER. THE CANDID TANKER IS DISTINGUISHED BY THE PRESENCE OF A RECTANGULAR PEDESTAL WHICH SUPPORTS A REFUELING POD ON THE PORT SIDE OF THE FUSELAGE BELOW THE HORIZONTAL STABILIZER AND A REFUELING POD UNDER EACH WING OUTBOARD OF THE ENGINE. A HIGH COUNT OF 18 CANDID WAS PRESENT; NORMALLY ONLY 15 ARE OBSERVED. IVANOVO NORTH AIRFIELD IS A SOVIET MILITARY TRANSPORT AVIATION (VTA) AIRFIELD WHICH SUPPORTS A COCK REGIMENT, A CANDID TRAINING UNIT, AND A CUB UNIT IN THE MOSCOW MILITARY DISTRICT. (SWN)

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THE CANDID TANKER WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED AT RAMENSKOYE FLIGHT TEST CENTER [REDACTED] IN DECEMBER 1978. A TOTAL OF SIX CANDID TANKERS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED. THE PROTOTYPE CANDID WAS RETROFITTED AT RAMENSKOYE AND THE OTHER FIVE WERE PRODUCED AT TASHKENT AIRFRAME PLANT B CHKALOV 84 [REDACTED]. THE MOST RECENT OBSERVATION OF A CANDID TANKER WAS ON [REDACTED] IMAGERY OF TASHKENT AIRFIELD, THE FLY-AWAY FIELD FOR TASHKENT AIRFRAME PLANT B CHKALOV 84. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE PRESENCE OF THE CANDID TANKER IN THE TRAINING UNIT AT IVANOVO NORTH AIRFIELD SUGGESTS THAT THE TANKER PROGRAM HAS ENTERED A NEW PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT AND MAY SOON BE OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED WITHIN VTA. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 57-03-31N 040-58-45E (S)

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4. ANALYSTS:
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