

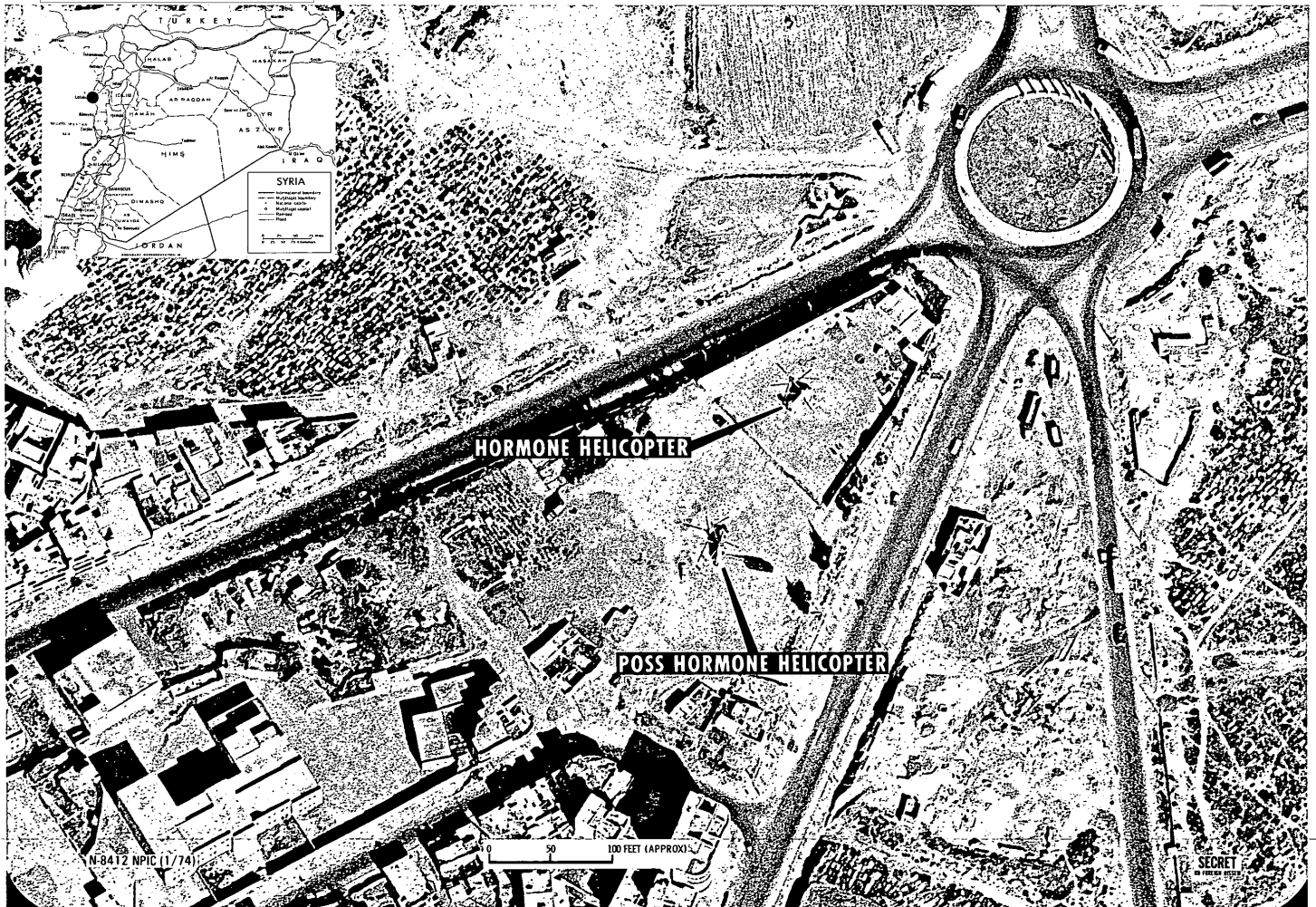
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**HORMONE HELICOPTER
LATAKIA, SYRIA
35-30N 035-45E**

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF A HORMONE HELICOPTER
IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. LOCATION: IN LATAKIA, 0.5 NAUTICAL MILE EAST OF
LATAKIA PORT FACILITIES
35-30-47N 035-45-52E.

3. COLLATERAL: THE SOVIET KA-25 (HORMONE) HELICOPTER HAS TWO
PRIMARY FUNCTIONS--ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE
(ASW) AND RECONNAISSANCE/TARGET ACQUISITION.
THE VERSION USED IN AN ASW CAPACITY IS
DESIGNATED THE HORMONE A. IT IS EQUIPPED
WITH DIPPING SONAR SUSPENDED ON A CABLE
WHICH CAN BE RAISED OR LOWERED AT A RATE OF
10 FEET PER SECOND, SURFACE-SEARCH RADAR,
A WEAPONS BAY FOR TORPEDOES AND SONOBUYS,
AND, OCCASIONALLY, MAGNETIC ANOMALY DETECTION

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(MAD) GEAR. THE LATER-MODEL HORMONE A IS CHARACTERIZED BY A TOP-HAT SHAPED DEVICE ON THE UPPER SIDE OF THE FUSELAGE BOOM.

THE RECONNAISSANCE/TARGET ACQUISITION VERSION, DESIGNATED HORMONE B, DIFFERS FROM THE A MODEL IN THE SHAPE OF ITS CHIN RADOME AND IN THE ABSENCE OF A DIPPING SONAR AND WEAPONS-BAY DOOR.

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4. MISSION READOUT: ONE HORMONE HELICOPTER, TYPE UNDETERMINED, WAS IDENTIFIED WITHIN A WALLED COMPOUND INSIDE THE CITY OF LATAKIA. A POSSIBLE HORMONE HELICOPTER WAS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 50 YARDS AWAY.

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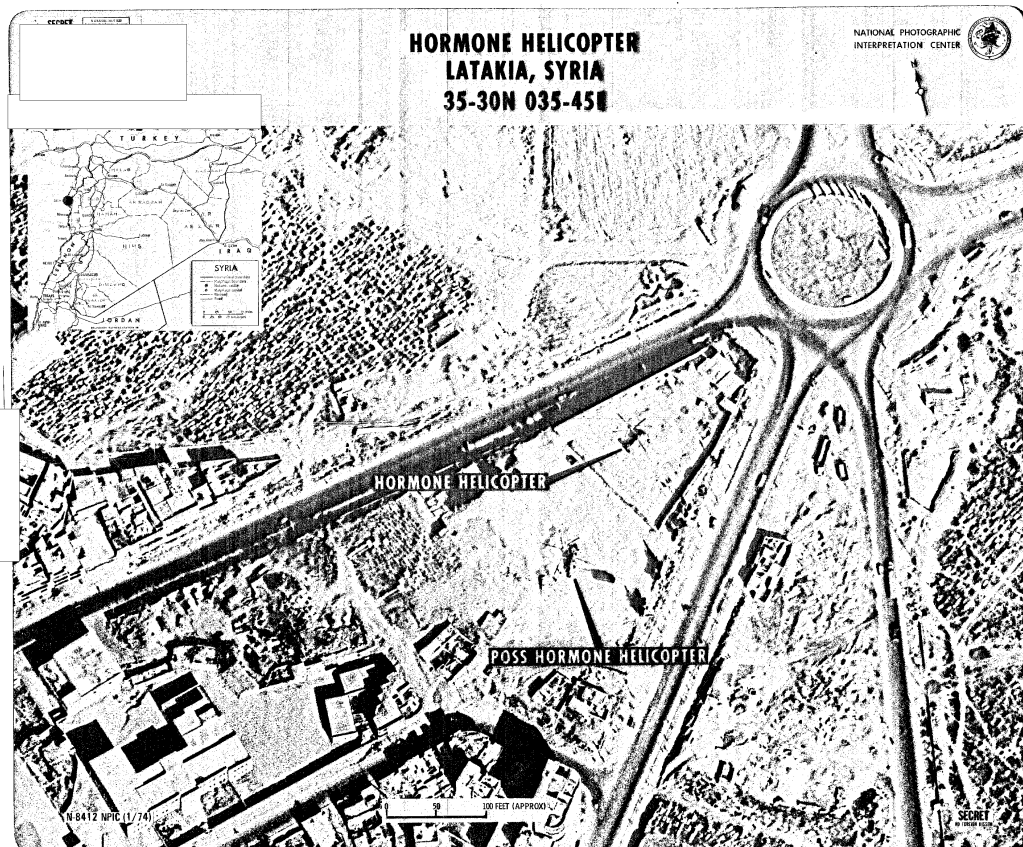
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