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POSSIBLE AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION PYONGYANG, NORTH KOREA

 (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: CONSTRUCTION OF A POSSIBLE NEW AIRFIELD ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PYONGYANG.
(SWN) REMARKS: A POSSIBLE AIRFIELD IN THE EARLY STAGES OF

CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 13 KMSOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF PYONGYANG ON IMAGERY25x1APPROXIMATELY 800 METERS OF GROUND HAS BEEN25x1GRADED WITH A NORTH/SOUTH ORIENTATION, AND INITIAL SCARRINGINDICATES THAT THE CONSTRUCTION COULD EXTEND FOR ANADDITIONAL 3,600 METERS. A SUBBASE MIXING PLANT HAS BEEN

ERECTED WEST OF THIS GRADED AREA.

(SWN) ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA INCLUDE A BARGE-SERVED QUAY LOCATED AT UTM YD281134, A FOUR LANE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE TAEDONG-GANG (RIVER) AT UTM YD362184 (NOT ON GRAPHIC), AND GROUND SCARRING FOR A PROBABLE EXPRESSWAY FROM UTM YD343166 TO YD315144 (NOT ON GRAPHIC). THE COMPLETION OF THE BRIDGE AND PROBABLE HIGHWAY WOULD PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE POSSIBLE NEW AIRFIELD OR AIRPORT FROM DOWNTOWN PYONGYANG. NONE OF THIS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS PRESENT ON IMAGERY

(SWN ANALYSTS'S COMMENTS: SEVERAL FACTORS SUGGEST THAT THIS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS FOR A NEW CIVILIAN AIRFIELD.

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4. (C/NF) COLLATERAL REFERENCES: 500TH MI GP, IR NO: 2-722-0281-82, KN SHOWS INTEREST IN PURCHASING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS/AIRPORT COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FROM JA (U) MSG DTG 131122Z OCT 1982.

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