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NPIC/PEG (2/83)FITTER H MOD
KOMSOMOLSK AIRFRAME PLANT ORDZHONIKIDZE 126, USSR

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A LARGE SCALE RETROFIT OR A PRODUCTION PROGRAM FOR FITTER H MOD HAS BEGUN AT THIS PLANT.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: AT LEAST 15 FITTER H MOD (NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC), A NEW VARIANT OF THE FITTER H RECONNAISSANCE/FIGHTER-AIRCRAFT, ARE IDENTIFIED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT KOMSOMOLSK AIRFRAME PLANT ORDZHONIKIDZE 126. THE FITTER H MOD ARE IN THE AIRCRAFT CHECKOUT AREA, WHERE NEWLY PRODUCED FITTER ARE NORMALLY OBSERVED. THE LARGE NUMBER OF FITTER H MOD INDICATES THAT EITHER A LARGE-SCALE RETROFIT OR PRODUCTION PROGRAM HAS BEGUN. THE FITTER H MOD HAS BEEN MODIFIED WITH A DORSAL AIR SCOOP INTEGRAL TO, AND EXTENDING FORWARD OF, THE VERTICAL STABILIZER. THIS AIR SCOOP PROBABLY PROVIDES COOLING FOR AIRCRAFT SUBSYSTEMS; HOWEVER, THE PRECISE FUNCTION IS NOT KNOWN. THE FITTER H MOD IS CURRENTLY IN SERVICE WITH SOVIET FORCES [REDACTED] AND HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN SEEN ONLY ON GROUND PHOTOGRAPHY.

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(SWN) KOMSOMOLSK AIRFRAME PLANT ORDZHONIKIDZE 126, ON THE NORTHEAST EDGE OF KOMSOMOLSK IN THE SOVIET FAR EAST, IS THE PRODUCTION FACILITY FOR ALL VARIANTS OF THE FITTER.

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 50-35-20N 137-05-10E

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