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HOMS SA-5 COMPLEX, SYRIA

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: UPGRADING OF AIR DEFENSES AT THIS COMPLEX CONTINUES.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: THE TWO UNIDENTIFIED RADAR ANTENNA TRAILERS, REPORTED ON [REDACTED] CAN NOW BE IDENTIFIED AS CLAM SHELL ACQUISITION RADAR. THE CLAM SHELL CAN DETECT 1-METER-SQUARE TARGETS AT A RANGE OF APPROXIMATELY 75 NM. IN ADDITION, ONE TRANSPORTABLE ELECTRONICS TOWER (TET) HAS ARRIVED SINCE [REDACTED] THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE TWO TET SEEN ON [REDACTED] AT NIKOLAYEV PORT FACILITIES [REDACTED] IN THE USSR (GRAPHIC 1).

(SWN) ALTHOUGH THE CLAM SHELL RADAR AND THE TET HAVE BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SA-10 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) SYSTEM IN THE USSR, THEY ARE THE ONLY SA-10 SAM SYSTEM COMPONENTS KNOWN TO BE IN SYRIA. THEIR ROLE HERE MAY SIMPLY BE TO PROVIDE BETTER LOW-LEVEL ACQUISITION FOR THE AIR DEFENSE NETWORK AND DOES NOT NECESSARILY SUGGEST THAT THE SA-10 SYSTEM WILL BE DEPLOYED TO SYRIA. THIS IS ALSO THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF THE CLAM SHELL RADAR AND THE TET OUTSIDE OF THE USSR.

(SWN) A PROBABLE SA-9 BATTERY HAS BEEN DEPLOYED WITH THE SA-8 TRANSPORTER-ERECTOR-LAUNCHER AND RADAR (TELAR) ALONG THE PERIMETER OF THE TRACKING AND GUIDANCE AREA [REDACTED] TWO PROBABLE SA-7 FIRING REVETMENTS (ONE UNDER CONSTRUCTION) ARE NEWLY IDENTIFIED IN THE COMPLEX [REDACTED] (NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC 2). IN ADDITION, TWO PROBABLE CONE DISH RADIO RELAY/DATA LINK SETS ARE PARKED, BUT NOT OPERATIONALLY DEPLOYED, NEXT TO THE CENTRAL CONTROL BUNKER. THESE VEHICLES AND THREE VEHICLE REVETMENTS ARE NEWLY IDENTIFIED SINCE [REDACTED] (NOT ON GRAPHIC). THE TWO PROBABLE CONE DISH SETS WERE PROBABLY IN THE SUPPORT AREA ON 1 FEBRUARY, BUT SCALE AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDED IDENTIFICATION. SIX VAN TRUCKS ARE ALSO IN THE REVETMENTS. PREPARATIONS TO ERECT THE TALL KING RADAR ARE PROBABLY IN PROGRESS.

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(SWN) CONSTRUCTION IS CONTINUING WITHIN THE COMPLEX. IN THE LAUNCH AREA, THE CONCRETE FOUNDATION AND APPROACH APRON AT FOUR OF THE LAUNCH POSITIONS HAVE BEEN COVERED WITH EARTH. THIS COVERING MAY BE FOR DECEPTION. IT APPEARS THAT ALL 12 OF THE LAUNCH POSITIONS WILL BE EARTH COVERED WHEN THIS PROCESS IS COMPLETED. NO SA-5 EQUIPMENT OR ASSOCIATED RADAR IS OBSERVED WITHIN THE COMPLEX (GRAPHIC 3).

3. COORDINATES 34-37-26N 036-46-16E

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