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NPIC/PEG (2/83)Copy 29**EVIDENCE OF LAUNCH**  
**PLESETSK LAUNCH TEST SITE 23, USSR**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: EVIDENCE OF A NEW SMALL SOLID-FUELED ICBM LAUNCH.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: A SLIGHTLY DARKENED, POCK-MARKED PATTERN IS IN THE SNOW IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING THE LAUNCH SILO. THE CIRCULAR PATTERN, WHICH EXTENDS OUTWARD FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS FROM THE CLOSED SILO DOOR, WAS NOT PRESENT [REDACTED] ONLY ONE VEHICLE IS ON THE SILO APRON AT SITE 23; HOWEVER, AN EMPTY CANISTER/CAPSULE (CAN/CAP) TRANSPORTER REMAINS PARKED ON THE SILO APRON TURNAROUND AT PLESETSK ICBM LAUNCH TEST SITE 24 [REDACTED], WHERE IT HAS BEEN [REDACTED] THE SINGLE-BAY, SLIDING-ROOF GARAGE AT SITE 23 IS SNOW COVERED AND APPEARS TO BE UNDISTURBED [REDACTED] OBLIQUE IMAGERY OF SITE 23 AT 1037Z [REDACTED] PRECLUDED OBSERVATION OF EVIDENCE OF A LAUNCH.

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(SWN) COLLOCATED LAUNCH SITES 23 AND 24 HAVE UNDERGONE REFURBISHMENT AND ARE THE ONLY TWO SILOS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW SMALL SOLID-FUELED ICBM CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT AT PLESETSK MISSILE AND SPACE COMPLEX [REDACTED]

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(SWN) DEFSMAC REPORTED THE LAUNCH OF A SOLID-FUELED ICBM FROM PLESETSK AT 0600Z [REDACTED] (DEFSMAC 08/0633Z FEB 83).

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 63-00-28N 041-32-50E

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