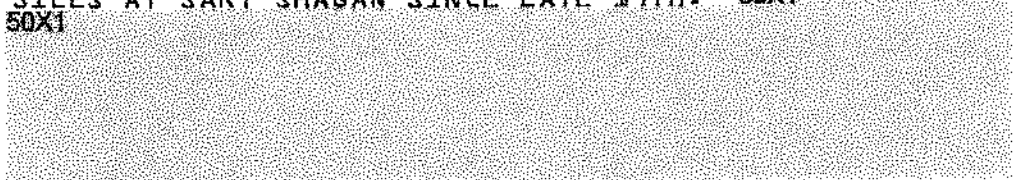


USSR: THE SOVIETS HAVE DISMANTLED TWO ABM LAUNCHERS AT A LAUNCH SITE AT SARY SHAGAN THAT HAD BEEN USED TO TEST TWO NEW ABM MISSILES. WITH THESE TWO DISMANTLED, THEY ARE WITHIN THE NUMBER PERMITTED BY THE ABM TREATY.

SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWED THE LAUNCH SITE INTACT ON 18 SEPTEMBER WITH AN ABM CANISTER IN ONE OF THE TWO LAUNCHERS. BY 26 SEPTEMBER, THE ABM CANISTER HAD BEEN REMOVED, BOTH LAUNCHERS HAD BEEN DISMANTLED, AND THE TURNTABLES AND VEHICLE GUIDE RAILS USED IN LOADING THE LAUNCHERS HAD BEEN COVERED WITH DIRT.

UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ABM TREATY, THE SOVIETS ARE ALLOWED 15 ABM LAUNCHERS AT THEIR R&D TEST FACILITIES. WITH THE DISMANTLING OF THE TWO ABM LAUNCHERS LAST MONTH, THE SOVIETS NOW HAVE 15 COMPLETED ABM LAUNCHERS AT SARY SHAGAN. AS MANY AS FIVE ADDITIONAL LAUNCHERS ARE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION, BUT AT LEAST TWO OF THESE MAY HAVE BEEN ABANDONED.

THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN TESTING TWO NEW ABM MISSILES AT SARY SHAGAN SINCE LATE 1970. 50X1



EACH OF THE TWO NEW MISSILES HAS BEEN TESTED FIVE TIMES BUT NO FIRINGS HAVE BEEN DETECTED SINCE LAST DECEMBER. THE LATEST COVERAGE SHOWS TWO ABM CANISTERS IN POSITION AT A LAUNCH SITE ADJACENT TO THE TWO LAUNCHERS RECENTLY DISMANTLED, AND ADDITIONAL TESTS OF ONE OF THE MISSILES 50X1

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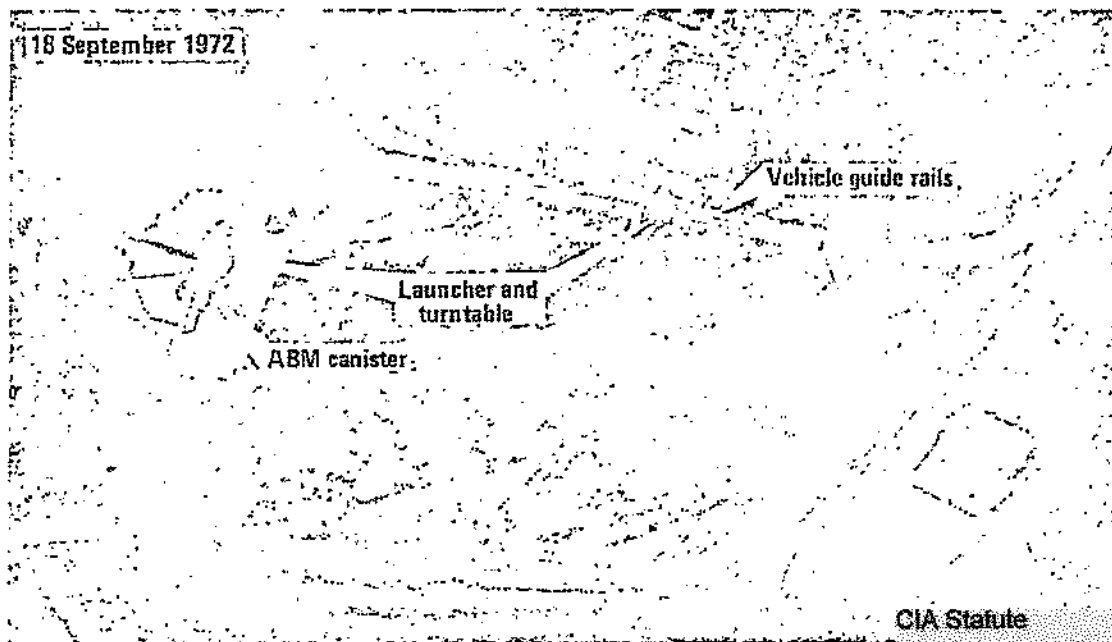
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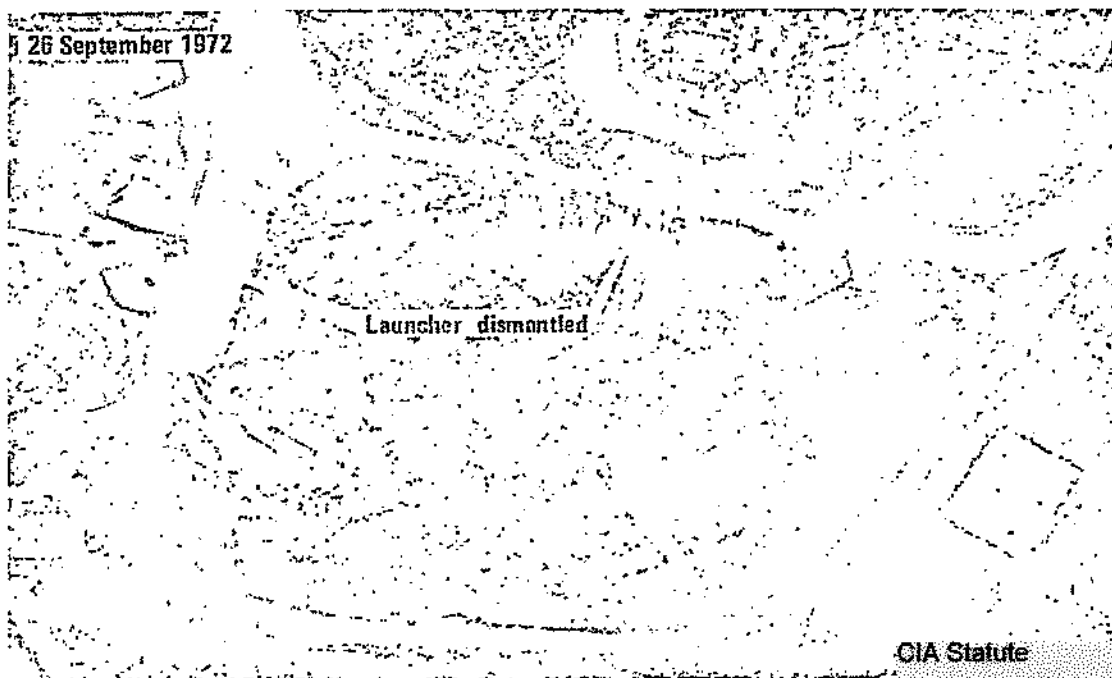
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