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FENCER DEPLOYMENT
SMIRNYKH AIRFIELD, USSR



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1. SIGNIFICANCE: FENCER FIGHTER/BOMBERS HAVE DEPLOYED HERE, POSSIBLY IN REACTION TO THE SEARCH FOR WRECKAGE OF THE DOWNED KAL 747. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: FOUR FENCER FIGHTER/BOMBER AIRCRAFT HAVE ARRIVED AT SMIRNYKH AIRFIELD [REDACTED] NO MISSILES ARE VISIBLE ON ANY OF THE FENCER. FENCER HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN SEEN HERE. THE NEAREST FENCER BASE IS KOMSOMOLSK SOUTH AIRFIELD [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 225 NM WEST OF SMIRNYKH. THE TWO FLAGON A, AT SMIRNYKH ON [REDACTED] ARE NOT OBSERVED IN THE CLOUD-FREE AREAS. EIGHT FLOGGER MULTIROLE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, SIX WITH WINGS SWEEP FORWARD, REMAIN IN THE ALERT AREA AT THE SOUTH END OF THE AIRFIELD. (SWN)

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THE FENCER FIGHTER/BOMBER IS SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE AND ROLE TO THE U.S. FB-111A. IT IS BASICALLY A GROUND-ATTACK AIRCRAFT WITH A LIMITED AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY. FENCER CAN CARRY UP TO 8,000 KG OF BOMBS OR 4 TO 5 TACTICAL AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILES OR ROCKETS OF VARIOUS SIZES AND HAS A 30MM GATLING GUN. THE FENCER HAS A MAXIMUM COMBAT RADIUS OF 1,150 NM. (SWN)

SMIRNYKH AIRFIELD SUPPORTS A FLOGGER G REGIMENT IN THE FAR EAST MILITARY DISTRICT ON SAKHALIN ISLAND. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 49-44-12N 142-51-48E

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