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2. POSSIBLE EARLY LAUNCHING OF SOVIET ICBM TEST VEHICLE OR EARTH SATELLITE

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Operational activity of an as yet undetermined nature resumed on 25 October on the Tyura Tam-Klyuchi guided-missile test range. This activity marks the first date since the 3-4 October period, when the Soviet satellite was launched, that activities have been noted involving the local Tyura Tam network, the Klyuchi complex, [Redacted]

[Redacted]

Evidence does not allow assessment as to whether the activity on 25 October was a valid countdown or only practice; [Redacted]

[Redacted] Complete data as to activity on 26 October is not available.

The first firing at Tyura Tam on 21 August was preceded by practice [Redacted] over an extended period of time. [Redacted]

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Assuming that the reported activity is valid, however, [Redacted] from the pattern of the current operation, that the activity on 25 October probably was practice and could indicate preparation for the early launching of either an ICBM test vehicle or an earth satellite.

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