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REFERENCE TO: Mission 1103, UNDERGROUND AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL
BIHAC AIRFIELD, YUGOSLAVIA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: FIRST IDENTIFICATION ON KH PHOTOGRAPHY OF
 UNDERGROUND AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL IN YUGOSLAVIA.
2. LOCATION: 4.5 NM WNW OF BIHAC, ADJACENT TO THE PLJESEVICA
 MOUNTAINS, AND 58 NM SW OF ZAGREB.
3. REMARKS: CONSTRUCTION AT BIHAC AIRFIELD HAS BEEN IN
 PROGRESS PROBABLY SINCE 1959. THE AIRFIELD
 HAS BEEN OBSERVED AND PHOTOGRAPHED ON SEVERAL
 OCCASIONS BY WESTERN MILITARY ATTACHES, WHO HAVE
 REPORTED SIGHTING CAVE ENTRANCES AND BUILDINGS
 UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON THE SIDE OF THE PLJESEVICA
 MOUNTAINS, AND A TAXIWAY EXTENDING FROM THE
 RUNWAY AREA DIRECTLY INTO THE MOUNTAIN. OTHER
 INTELLIGENCE SOURCES HAVE ALSO REPORTED RUMORS
 OF CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSIVE UNDERGROUND HANGARS
 AND PERSONNEL AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES AT THIS
 AIRFIELD.

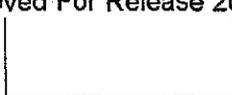
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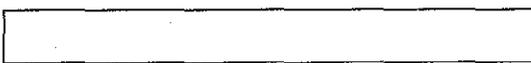


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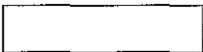
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BIHAC AIRFIELD AND REPORTS THESE CONCLUSIONS:

(1) BASED ON A CONVERSATION WITH A YUGOSLAV MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT MIG AIRCRAFT ARE BEING STORED UNDERGROUND IN YUGOSLAVIA.



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(2) NATURAL CAVE FORMATIONS IN THE MOUNTAINOUS REGION AROUND BIHAC COULD RATHER EASILY BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE A LARGE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, AND THESE UNDERGROUND HANGARS WOULD BE PROTECTED BY ALMOST 5,000 FEET OF MOUNTAIN.

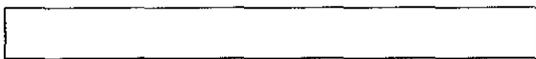


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(3) ROVING SECURITY PATROLS OPERATE IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR THE AIRFIELD, A SECURITY PRACTICE NOT GENERALLY FOLLOWED AT OTHER AIRFIELDS. THE EXTREME SECURITY MEASURES TOGETHER WITH THE SIZE OF THE AIRFIELD AND LONG PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION, CONFIRM THE IMPORTANCE TO THE YUGOSLAV AIR FORCE OF THIS FACILITY.



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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: THIS MISSION.

6. NEGATION DATE: NONE, BUT TWO OF THE FIVE CAVE ENTRANCES WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON [redacted]

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: NONE.

8. DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS: WIDTHS OF CAVE ENTRANCES, READING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH: [redacted]

9. MISSION READOUT: CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF [redacted] REVEALS 4.5 NM WNW OF BIHAC. AN 8,230 X 140 FT NW/SE SERVICEABLE PROBABLE CONCRETE RUNWAY WITH TWO ALERT APRONS, AND AN 8,200 X 70 FT NW/SE SERVICEABLE PROBABLE CONCRETE RUNWAY. BOTH RUNWAYS ARE CONNECTED TO AN UNDERGROUND AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA CONSISTING OF FOUR CAVE ENTRANCES BY THREE TAXIWAYS/RUNWAYS, MEASURING 7,140 X 75 FT, 8,700 X 70 FT, AND 5,340 X 70 FT. AN ADDITIONAL CAVE ENTRANCE IS LOCATED 2 NM SOUTH OF THE LONGEST RUNWAY, AND IS CONNECTED BY ROAD TO THE SOUTHERNMOST TAXIWAY/RUNWAY. A POSSIBLE AIR-WARNING RADAR FACILITY (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) IS LOCATED 3.1 NM SSW OF THE CENTER OF THE LONGEST RUNWAY. NO LARGE SUPPORT FACILITIES ARE OBSERVED. THE AIRFIELD

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