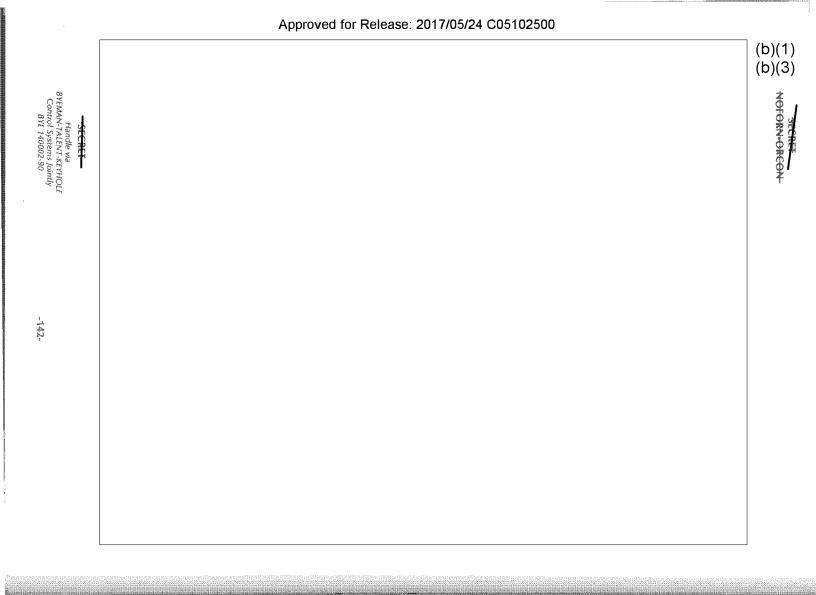
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• Missile Test Ranges. GAMBIT provided insight into Soviet and Chinese missile and space development and operational procedures by observing major missile test facilities on a regular basis. Indications of new ICBM, IRBM, ABM, SAM, mobile ballistic-missile systems, or space-launching vehicles were routinely detected at these ranges. This information was vitally important to strategic planners, as well as to representatives at SALT discussions and other arms negotiations. Graphics A through E are examples of test-range imagery. Graphic C clearly shows the extensive damage resulting from catastrophic failure of Soviet launching attempt on the Tyuratam J-Pad on 3 July 1969. This was just 17 days before the US launching of Apollo-11 which involved the first manned excursion to the lunar surface. As a result of this accident and the US success, the Soviets abandoned further attempts of manned exploration of the moon.

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