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Soviet orbital predictions for U.S. KH-9 photorecon Mission 1211/bit Mission 7849, Dec 75

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1. SOVIET ORBITAL PREDICTIONS ON 9 DECEMBER 1975
 HAVE IDENTIFIED THE U.S. KH-9 PHOTO-RECONNAISSANCE
 MISSION 1211/BIT MISSION 7849 AS A MULTIPLE-
 PURPOSE RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITE. EMISSION CONTROL
 (EMCON) INSTRUCTIONS ALSO REVEALED THAT THE SOVIETS
 HAVE ASSESSED THIS SATELLITE AS HAVING BOTH A
 PHOTOGRAPHIC AND ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE (ELINT)
 RECONNAISSANCE MISSION.

2. ON 9 DECEMBER 1975, THE INITIAL SOVIET
 REFLECTION OF THE NEWLY LAUNCHED U.S. KH-9 EARTH
 SATELLITE VEHICLE (ESV) WAS PROVIDED BY A SOVIET
 AIR DEFENSE ZONAL HEADQUARTERS SUBORDINATE TO THE
 NOVOSIBIRSK AIR DEFENSE DISTRICT. THIS SATELLITE
 WAS LAUNCHED FROM THE WESTERN TEST RANGE AT VANDENBERG AFB,
 CALIFORNIA, ON 4 DECEMBER 1975.

3. THE ESV WAS IDENTIFIED BY ITS INTERNATIONAL
 DESIGNATOR 75114 AND AN IDENTIFIER WHICH CLASSIFIED
 THE VEHICLE BY TYPE OF SATELLITE. THE SOVIETS HAVE
 PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED THIS CATEGORY OF SATELLITES AS
 MULTIPLE PURPOSE RECONNAISSANCE.

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