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The following summary is one of a series of reports to be issued as information concerning Soviet reactions to US Military Readiness Tests becomes available. As a general rule, Soviet activities considered unrelated to such tests will be reported in other DIA publications.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Soviet military activity which may be in response to the present US Military Readiness activities during the period 261600 to 281600 EST October is as follows:

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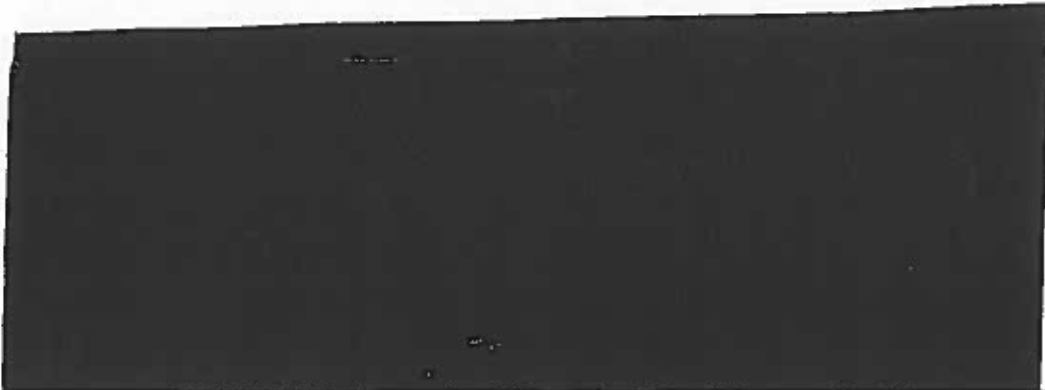
It is assumed that the Soviets would have obtained an initial read-out by yesterday of film from COSMOS 302, which was deorbited -- on schedule -- on 25 October.

In the Indian Ocean area, a Soviet F-class conventionally powered attack submarine and two surface ships, previously part of the group located near Socotra Island, have been sighted in the southern Persian Gulf.



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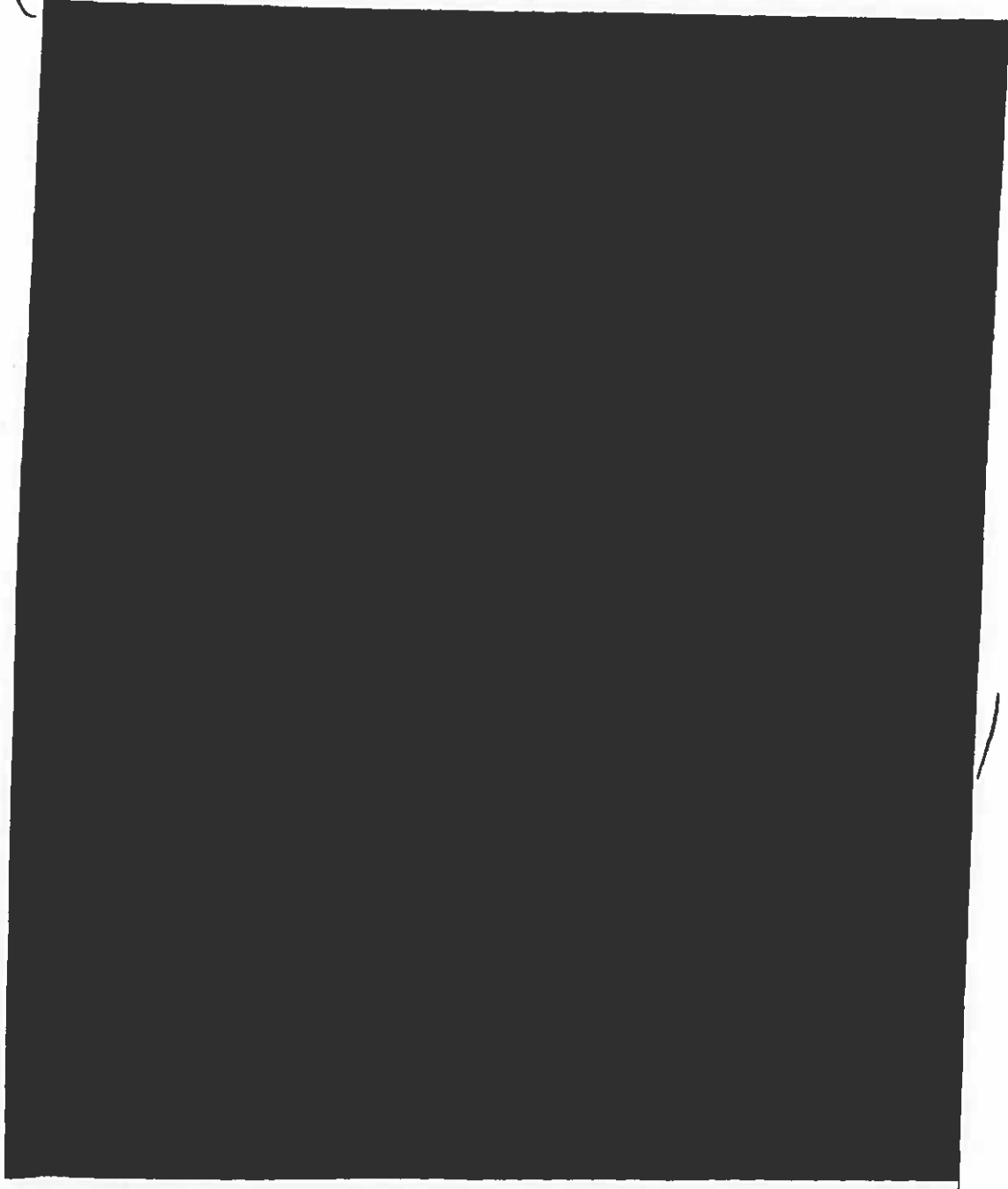
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2. Strategic Rocket Troops: Normal activity.

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4. Tactical Air Forces: Normal activity.
5. Air Defense Force: Normal activity.
6. Military Air Transport: Normal activity.
7. Ground Forces: Normal activity.
8. Naval Forces: In the Indian Ocean area, the F-class conventionally powered submarine, DON-class submarine tender 995, and MAYAK-class small refrigerated cargo ship ULMA were sighted in the southern Persian Gulf early today. They probably left the Socotra Island area about 24 October. No port visit in the Persian Gulf area has been announced, but the presence of the submarine in these confined waters suggests that one is scheduled. The KRESTA-class guided-missile light cruiser, KASHIN-class guided-missile frigate (DLG), ALLIGATOR-class tank-landing ship, SOFIYA-class oiler, and four space-event-associated ships apparently remain in the Socotra area.

In the Sea of Japan, a KASHIN-class DLG continues to shadow two US destroyers.

In the Atlantic, OKEAN-class intelligence collector LINZA has departed her station off Holy Loch and by today was believed to be in the area south of Ireland, where USS YORKTOWN has been operating.

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The Soviet Mediterranean Squadron is reacting to the presence of US naval units in the eastern area. As expected, it is continuing the increased surveillance that was initiated during NATO Exercise DEEP FURROW. Many units of the Squadron have been and remain in eastern Mediterranean ports or anchorages. Several, however, are monitoring US Task Groups north and southeast of Crete. Two surface combatants remain in the vicinity of Cyprus, while another appears to be leaving the western Mediterranean, possibly to shadow the USS SARATOGA Task Group. Three MIRKA-class escorts that joined the Squadron on 26 October have continued a southward transit from the Aegean Sea and were nearing Alexandria today.

Two surface combatants and a surveying ship that are scheduled to return to the Black Sea are off the Dardanelles. A total of six units -- three surface combatants, two W-class conventionally powered attack submarines, and the surveying ship -- are scheduled to transit the Turkish Straits northbound by 1 November. None has been scheduled southbound before 1 November. The Squadron presently consists of 40 units -- 17 surface combatants, 10 submarines (including a J-class conventionally powered cruise-missile unit), two intelligence collectors, and 11 other naval auxiliaries.

9. Naval Fleet Air Forces: Normal activity.

10. Diplomatic: Normal activity.



12. Reconnaissance Activity: Normal activity.



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