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SOVIET AND OVERSEAS BASE STRUCTURE FORECAST

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1.0 SUMMARY

The current Soviet and overseas base structure based upon unclassified sources is summarized in Table I.

The status of Soviet access and utilization of these bases is constantly changing. For instance, a Soviet naval base reported under construction (Ref. g) at Marsa Matru on the Mediterranean coast of Egypt between Alexandria and the Libyan border is no longer operational after Soviet expulsion from this and other bases in Egypt. Also, recent Soviet support of Somalia's traditional enemy Ethiopia has aroused ill feelings toward the USSR.

A forecast into the 1985-95 era and supporting rationale would require considerably more research effort and is unlikely to have much credibility.

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SOVIET AND OVERSEAS BASE STRUCTURE - CURRENT -

USSR

Naval Bases (7)
 ✓ Murmansk
 ✓ Arkhangelsk
 ✓ Leningrad
 ✓ Sevastopol
 ✓ Nolotosvk
 ✓ Nikolayev
 ✓ Vladivostok

Air Bases (> 500)
 ✓ > 90 in Arctic &
 Sub-Arctic

ROMANIA

Naval Bases (3)
 • Constanta
 • Mamaia
 • Braila

Air Bases (20)

EAST GERMANY

Naval Bases (5)
 • Rostock
 • Warnemunde
 • Sassnitz
 • Peenemunde
 • Stralsund

Air Bases (21)

YUGOSLAVIA

Naval Bases (6)
 • Sibenik
 • Split
 • Dubrovnik
 • Kotor
 • Pula

Air Bases (17)

POLAND

Naval Bases (3)
 • Gdynia
 • Gdansk
 • Szczecin

Air Bases (50)
 • Some joint use
 ✓ Some USSR only

CUBA

Naval Bases (4)
 ✓ Cienfuegos
 ✓ Bahia hondo
 • Antilla
 • Santiago de Cuba

Air Bases (3)
 • Havana
 • Camoguey
 • Santiago de Cuba

SYRIA

Naval Bases (?)
 ✓ Latakia

Air Bases (12)
 • Nayrab, Aleppo
 • Damascus

SOMALIA

Naval Bases (3)
 ✓ Barbera
 ✓ Kismayu
 ✓ Mogadishu

Air Bases (2)
 ✓ Hargesia
 ✓ Mogadishu

LYBIA

Naval Bases (5)
 • Tripoli
 • Benghazi
 • Durnah
 ✓ Tobruk
 • Buraygah

Air Bases (5)
 ✓ Wheelus
 • Idris
 • Benina
 • El Adem
 • El Awai

ETHIOPIA

Naval Bases (2)
 • Asab
 • Massaua

Air Bases (4)

SOUTHERN YEMEN

Naval Bases (2)
 ✓ Socotra
 • Aden

Air Bases (?)
 ✓ Socotra

ALGERIA

Naval Bases (9)
 ✓ Mers el Kebir
 • Oran
 • Arzew
 • Algiers
 • LaSenia
 • Philippeville
 • Bone
 ✓ LaCalle
 ✓ Beni Saif

Air Bases (40)
 10 Major
 30 Medium
 20 Minor

ANGOLA

Harbors (93)
 • Luanda
 • Lobito
 • Mocamedes

Air Bases (?)
 • Luanda

AFRICAN WESTERNMOST COAST

Air Bases (?)
 • Unidentified

✓ - Soviet Base

Table 1