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6. Soviet Union

The Soviets' first solid propellant intercontinental ballistic missile--the SS-13--probably will be operational in about six months. There are indications that testing is entering an advanced stage, and satellite photography shows that the first of the new single silos being built for it will be complete by early 1969. Only 31 of the new silos have been detected since construction began in mid-1967--a much slower deployment rate than noted in earlier Soviet intercontinental ballistic missile programs.

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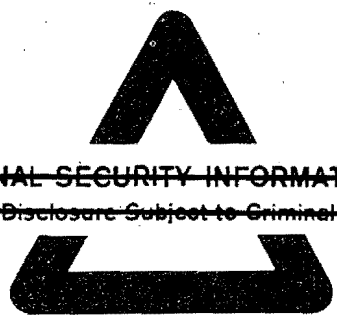
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3. Soviet Union

Yesterday the Soviets made their fourth test of an ICBM with multiple re-entry vehicles. There were three re-entry vehicles and they were not separately targeted. Each re-entry vehicle could have about a four-megaton yield and the ICBM, the big SS-9, could carry all three out to 5,000 miles. This system could be operational by late next year.

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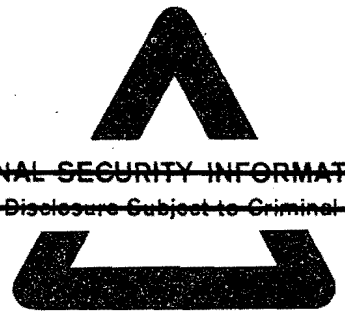
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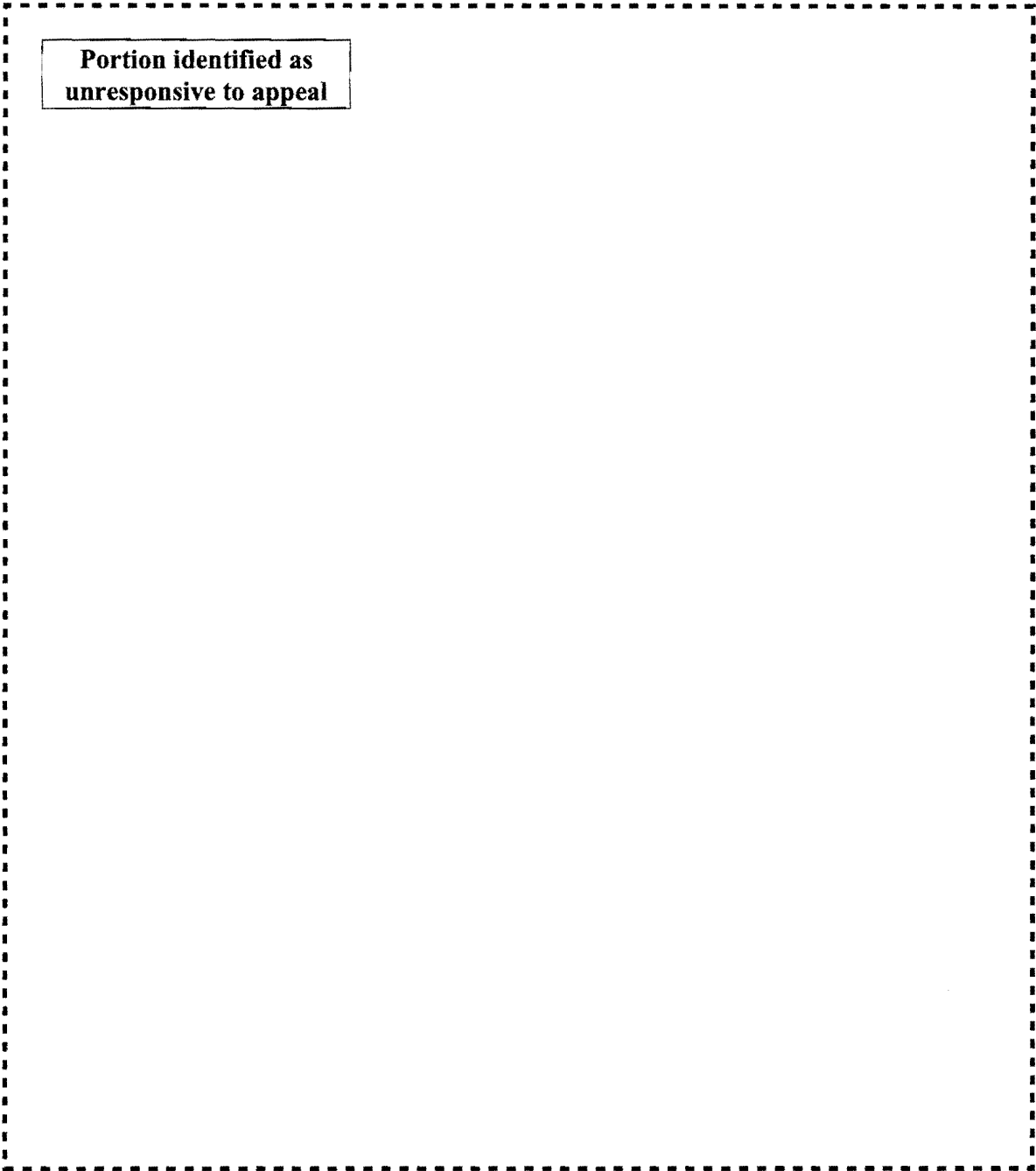
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4. Soviet Union

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Analysis of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] on 12 December during an
antiballistic missile firing from the
test site [REDACTED] (previously
noted in the Brief for 12 December)
suggests that the operation probably
was connected with modification of the
Galosh antiballistic missile. This is
the system currently being installed
around Moscow. [REDACTED]
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