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SUBJ: (b) (2) CHINESE NAVY 1ST NUCLEAR SUBMARINE ZHIDUI BASE HAS UNDERGROUND SUBMARINE FACILITIES (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) THE CHINESE NAVY'S 1ST NUCLEAR SUBMARINE ZHIDUI IS STATIONED AT A BASE IN SHANDONG PROVINCE NEAR SHAZIKOU TOWN WHICH IS ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS EAST OF QINGDAO CITY. THIS BASE INCLUDES AN UNDERGROUND FACILITY THAT PROBABLY HAS BOTH A WATER-LEVEL AND GROUND-LEVEL ENTRANCE. ENCLOSURES.

TEXT:

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1. (U) THE 1ST NUCLEAR SUBMARINE ZHIDUI (STC 2388/7130) (b)(2) (b)(2) IS STATIONED AT A BASE NEAR QINGDAO CITY IN SHANDONG PROVINCE. UNDERGROUND FACILITIES FOR NUCLEAR SUBMARINES AND MISSILES ARE LOCATED AT THIS SUBMARINE BASE. THE CHINESE NAVY NORTH SEA FLEET (NSF) HAS STATIONED TWO 091 NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINES (SSN) AND ONE 092 NUCLEAR POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSBN), AT THIS SUBMARINE BASE SINCE 2005. MILITARY UNIT CODE DESIGNATOR 92330 (UNIT 92330) IS ASSIGNED TO A NUCLEAR SUBMARINE BASE LOCATED NEAR SHAZIKOU TOWN (b)(2) LAOSHAN DISTRICT, QINGDAO CITY, SHANDONG PROVINCE.

2. (U) UNDERGROUND FACILITIES OF 1ST NUCLEAR SUBMARINE ZHIDUI
A. (U) LOCATION OF 1ST NUCLEAR SUBMARINE ZHIDUI BASE (b)(2) THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY NAVY (PLAN) NSF'S 1ST SUBMARINE ZHIDUI BASE IS LOCATED CLOSE TO QINGDAO CITY IN SHANDONG PROVINCE AT APPROXIMATELY 36.06 DEGREES NORTH LATITUDE AND 120.34 DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE.

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B. (U) DEPLOYMENT STATUS OF NUCLEAR SUBMARINES (b)(2) ACCORDING TO SOURCE, A LARGE-SCALE CAVED BASE (SIC) (CHINESE -- DONGKUXING DE JIDI, STC 3159/1655/0992/4104/1015/0966), WHICH HAS A WATERWAY ENTRANCE (ENCLOSURE 3) AND AN ENTRANCE ON LAND (ENCLOSURE 4), HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED. THE BASE IS DESCRIBED AS IN THE SHAPE OF TWO HORSE HOOPS (CHINESE -- MATI XINGZHUANG, STC 7456/6452/1748/3692) (ENCLOSURE 2) AND HAS FIVE DEEPWATER BERTHS TO ANCHOR SUBMARINES. NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES ARE ANCHORED AT THESE BERTHS ON NORMAL DAYS, AND CAN QUICKLY DEPLOY FOR COMBAT IF A CONFLICT BREAKS OUT OR CAN BE MOVE INTO THE CAVED FACILITIES (SIC) (ENCLOSURE 3). SINCE 2005, TWO 091 NUCLEAR POWERED ATTACK SUBMARINES (SSN'S) (b)(2) (b)(2) AND ONE 092 NUCLEAR POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE (SSBN) (b)(2) HAVE BEEN STATIONED AT THIS SUBMARINE BASE. IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AT LEAST ONE OF THE 093 SSN'S NEWLY ENTERING SERVICE IN THE PLAN AND ONE 094 SSBN WILL ALSO BE DEPLOYED AT THIS BASE.

C. (U) SUBMARINE REPAIRING FACILITIES (b)(2) ACCORDING TO SOURCE, A DOCK (FIELD COMMENT -- NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) (ENCLOSURE 5) HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED AT THE BASE, WHICH WILL BE USED TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR THE SSBN (SIC). FURTHERMORE, REGULAR MINOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE CAN BE DONE WITHIN THE BASEBUT COMPREHENSIVE SUBMARINE OVERHAULS WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT THE HULUDAO (STC 5519/5684/1497) SHIPYARD. THE DOCK IS EQUIPPED WITH ONE CRANE, WHICH CAN BE USED IN LOADING THE SUBMARINES' NUCLEAR MISSILES. THIS PROCEDURE OF LOADING SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED

INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES (SLBM) AND MEDIUM-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES ONTO THE SUBMARINES IN THE OPEN AIR IS THE SAME AS THAT FOLLOWED BY THE FORMER SOVIET UNION.

D. (U) UNDERGROUND MISSILE STORAGE (ENCLOSURE 4)

ACCORDING TO SOURCE, "THE MISSILE WAREHOUSE HAS OBVIOUSLY GONE UNDERGROUND, WHICH IS CONNECTED TO THE LAND EXIT OF THE BASE. IN ADDITION, ON THE SIDES OF THE DOCK, THERE ARE FOUR STRUCTURES LIKE STORAGE HOUSES, AND THESE FACILITIES COULD BE RELATED TO THE FINAL EXAMINATION, INSTALLATION. AND TRANSPORT OF STRATEGIC MISSILES. ... THESE STORAGE STRUCTURES MAY ALSO KEEP THE INVENTORY OF THE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS PARTS NEEDED FOR EVERYDAY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE SUBMARINES" (SIC). (b)(2) ACCORDING TO A SEPARATE SOURCE, "THIS UNDERGROUND CAVE (CHINESE -- DONGKU, STC 3159/1655) MAY BE USED TO STORE MISSILES AND NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR NUCLEAR SUBMARINES"

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3. (U) MUCD UNIT 92330

SOURCES PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON UNIT 92330 --

- LOCATION -- SHAZIKOU TOWN, LAOSHAN DISTRICT, QINGDAO CITY, SHANDONG PROVINCE

- PARENT UNIT -- NSF

- UNIT TYPE -- NUCLEAR SUBMARINE BASE (b)(2)

- REMARKS --

- UNIT 92330 HAS A SUBORDINATE NUCLEAR SAFETY ANALYSIS ROOM, EQUIPMENT DEPARTMENT (b)(2)

- "PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING" FACILITIES (ENCLOSURE 6) ARE INSTALLED AT UNIT 92330

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DISSEM: (U) FIELD -- NONE.

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