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The Soviets are continuing to modernize their SS-11 ICBM force. [redacted] shows construction activity at 30 launch sites in three complexes in the eastern USSR, and other sites could be involved. In recent months 36 of the missiles--an unprecedented number--have been launched from these complexes, apparently in order to empty the silos for construction work.

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*The sites probably are being hardened or modified to prepare them for the newest, triple-warhead version of the SS-11, the Mod 3. Flight-testing of the Mod 3 appears to be complete, and it probably is now being fitted into some of the new small silos at Derazhnya and Pervomaysk.*

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