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quently descended through the nuclear cloud. A missile, possibly an ABM, was probably launched about four minutes after burst time, and a second vertical firing through the cloud occurred about half an hour after burst time. In the JOE 109 operation, two possibly downrange firings were noted.

188. The 1962 high-altitude tests, JOE 157 on 22 October, JOE 160 on 28 October, and JOE 168 on 1 November, resembled those of 1961, but appeared to be more complex. All three involved the firing of three 1020 n.m. missiles from the Kapustin Yar rangehead; in each case the second missile was launched about fifty seconds after the first, and the third about six minutes after the first. As in 1961, the nuclear payloads are believed to have been carried by the first missiles.

189. JOEs 157 and 160 each had yields of 200 KT. The former was detonated at an altitude of about 160 n.m.; the latter, at an altitude of about 90 n.m.

For the JOE 157 event, a missile, which probably had a purpose similar to the first vertically fired missile of the JOE 105 operation, was fired from a downrange location.

190. JOE 168 had a 1.8 MT yield and was detonated at an altitude of about 30 to 70 n.m. Unlike the other high altitude tests, JOE 168 was not one of an obvious pair of devices having identical yields but tested at different altitudes. The yield of JOE 168 was similar, however, to that of the US 9 July 1962 STARFISH device (1.45 MT) detonated 216 n.m. above Johnston Island in the Pacific. It is noted that Soviet scientific expeditionary ships were positioned both in the vicinity of Johnston Island and in the conjugate area probably to collect data from STARFISH. We believe that JOE 168, which was detonated on 1 November

1962 at 30-70 n.m., could have served along with STARFISH to give the USSR some data on high altitude effects from a pair of 1.5-1.8 MT tests at different altitudes.

191. A unique feature of all three 1962 highaltitude tests was the apparent planned use of a satellite to collect basic physical data. COSMOS XI passed over the burst point of JOE 157 within minutes of the detonation; it was at the antipodal point for the JOE 160 test at the time of detonation; and it was near the magnetic conjugate point of the JOE 168 detonation at time of burst. There is some question whether COSMOS XI was still transmitting at the time of JOE 168.

## Nuclear Weapons and Systems

192. A small number of individually produced weapons for interim use could be fabricated within a few months after device testing. However, the time lag between nuclear test device and initial stockpile entry of serially produced weaponized versions is about two years at a minimum. On this basis some of the new devices tested in 1961 could be entering stockpile during the latter part of 1963 if a priority development requirement is assumed. It is estimated, however, that this could only be done on a limited scale, and that, in general, the devices tested in 1961-1962 would be stockpiled in 1964 and 1965.

Delivery Systems Information

193.

indicate that the warhead assigned to the tactical

SS-la missile has a yield spectrum of 30 to 200 kilotons.

data from which the warhead yield categories associated with other Soviet tactical missiles in the SS-1, SSC-1 and SS-2 categories\_can be generally derived. There is evithat nuclear warheads for Soviet tactical missiles and

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