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Short-range: less than 1,100 km; Medium-range: between 1,100 and 2,750 km; Intermediate-range: between 2,750 and 5,500 km; Intercontinental range: above 5,500 km.

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- ¹⁴³ Yidu may have been converted to DF-21. See Figure 16 for image of possible launch site.
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