



Glimpse of Cold War spy maps Russians used to plot invasion

RUSSIAN spy maps revealing the hidden secrets of neighbourhoods in Greater Manchester can now be accessed by the public for the first time.

The maps – from the height of the Cold War 35 years ago – were made for Red Army tank commanders who needed to know which roads were wide enough for them to roll into the heart of the city.

They were produced by the Russian Military from 1950 to

1997 and reveal the exact location and purpose of every structure of possible military impor-



SINISTER Part of the map made for Red Army tank commanders

tance, including details such as the width of our roads, the height of our bridges and the depth of our rivers.

The maps have been on display at the John Rylands Library since August, but now they can be bought or viewed online.

Experts believe the maps were developed using aerial photos, satellite images, local knowledge and even spies.

To find out more about the maps, visit russianmaps.co.uk.

