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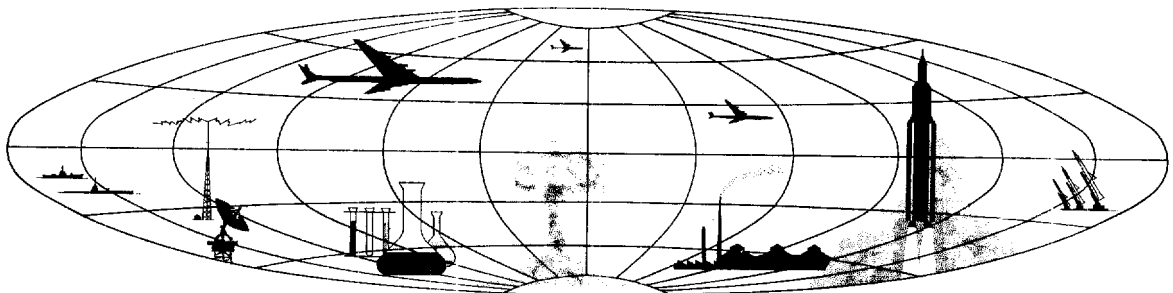


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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3437, DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-ITEMS OF INTEREST-

FREIGHTER SIGHTED. 2313N 08150W

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25X1D A FREIGHTER ANSWERING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE [REDACTED] IS OBSERVED 3.5 NM OFF PLAYA JIBACOA HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF HAVANA. FREIGHTER IS BEING FOLLOWED BY ONE POSS ANTONIO MACEO CLASS PF AND ONE POSS KRONSTADT CLASS PC.

PTS SIGHTED 2305N 08110W

25X1D TWO PTS OBSERVED DIRECTLY NORTH OF CARDENAS IN BAY OF CARDENAS AND HEADED AWAY FROM PORT.

-MISSILES-

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1 2240N 08317W

25X1D NO ACTIVITY. ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING REMAINS.

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3 2242N 08308W

NO APPARENT CHANGE. SITE APPEARS ABANDONED. ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING REMAINS.

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SANTO TOMAS AREA, SUSPECT SSM ACTIVITY 2233N 08351W

25X1D

NO MISSILE ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

BELLAMAR, SUSPECT SSM ACTIVITY 2302N 08133W

25X1D

NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA 2304N 08133W

25X1D

NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

25X1D

LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED, CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND GUIDANCE AREA.

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25X1A

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

25X1D

SITE CAN BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED. NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED PARKED JUST WEST OF THE SITE.

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MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W  
SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (4 COVERED), 7 MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, AND CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 08317W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVERTED, OCCUPIED, AND CANVAS-COVERED  
LAUNCH POSITIONS, 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 10 PRIME  
MOVERS, AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

SIX MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 5 TENTS, AND OTHER  
POSSIBLE VEHICLES OBSERVED. EXTENSIVE OPEN  
UNIDENTIFIED STORAGE. POOR IMAGE QUALITY LIMITS  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2221N 08339W

APPROXIMATELY 20 EMPTY MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND 6  
COVERED PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED.  
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

25X1D

ROAD SURFACING CONTINUES. APPROXIMATELY 10 DUMP TRUCKS ON PERIMETER ROAD. SITE STILL UNOCCUPIED.

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

25X1D

NINE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 8 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, ONE MISSILE IN LAUNCH POSITION, AND APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN NUMBER OF CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES. NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

-AIRFIELDS-

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

25X1D

AIRCRAFT -- 5 PROBABLE FRESCO.  
VEHICLES -- 10 OBSERVED.

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 12 FAGOT/FRESCO, 5 DUMMY FAGOT/FRESCO, 3 FARMER, 10 B-26, 3 T-33, 4 SEA FURY, 2 T-6, 3 CAB, 2 COLT.  
CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE COVERED AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS. SOME EARTH GRADING HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AT NE END OF NE/SW RUNWAY.

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JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CLEAT, 2 C-47, 4 BRITANNIA,  
2 CONSTELLATION, 3 CRATE (ONE TAKING OFF), ONE C-54,  
ONE C-45, ONE CREEK, AND ONE LIAISON-TYPE.

25X1D

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25X1A

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 29 LIAISON AND 6 COLT.

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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.  
RUNWAY APPEARS SERVICEABLE. HAZE AND CLOUDS PRECLUDE  
FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 LIAISON.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE PF, ONE  
KRONSTADT, AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT.

25X1D

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CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS, ONE ORE CARRIER.



HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 5 FREIGHTERS MOORED IN HARBOR, ONE OF WHICH IS BEING OFF-LOADED BY LIGHTERS, 28 FREIGHTERS ALONGSIDE QUAYS AND PIERS, 4 BARGES IN HARBOR, 6 COASTAL-TYPE FREIGHTERS, 6 SMALL PC-TYPE AT HAVANA NAVAL BASE, ONE PROBABLE PF, ONE TANKER, AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT.

EXTENSIVE MATERIAL IN OPEN STORAGE, MUCH TRAFFIC IN HARBOR AREA. NO DEFENSES, OR UNDERWATER OBSTACLES OBSERVED.



LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

25X1D

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.



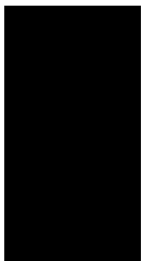
CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

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VESSELS -- 2 SMALL CARGO VESSELS AND A NUMBER OF BARGES AND SMALL VESSELS. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.



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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

25X1D

NO VESSELS OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

25X1D

NO CHANGE IN CANVAS-COVERED VANS. NO OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES OR DEFENSES.

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

CAMP CONTAINS 11 TANKS/SP GUNS (MOST OF THE KNOWN PARKING AREA IS STILL CANVAS-COVERED), 3 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 3 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 25 CARGO TRUCKS, 19 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 29 LARGE, 2 MEDIUM, AND 8 SMALL TENTS, AND ONE 6-GUN OCCUPIED AAA POSITION. NUMEROUS VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN HEAVILY WOODED AREA.

25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CAMP OR IN SECURED AREA EAST OF CAMP. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

25X1D

TORRENS MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

AT REFORMATORY PROPER -- 14 LARGE, AND ONE MEDIUM TENT, 10 CARGO TRUCKS, 7 VAN TRUCKS.  
MOTOR PARK AND BILLETING AREA .3 NM SOUTH -- 9 LARGE AND 19 MEDIUM TENTS, 210 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 30 CARGO TRUCKS.  
MOTOR PARK .7 NM SSW -- 128 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 3 CARGO TRUCKS, AND 4 SMALL TENTS.  
MOTOR PARK .9 NM SE -- 59 CARGO TRUCKS, 10 VAN TRUCKS, AND 89 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.  
AAA POSITION 1.5 NM SSE -- ONE LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT, 9 PRIME MOVERS, 4 PROBABLE VAN TRUCKS, 7 CARGO TRUCKS. AAA POSITION IS UNOCCUPIED BUT THE AAA GUNS ARE PARKED IN THE AREA.  
BILLETING AREA 1.9 NM SOUTH -- 12 LARGE, 6 MEDIUM, AND 13 SMALL TENTS, 13 CARGO TRUCKS, 3 TRUCK-MOUNTED CRANES, AND 55 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

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MADRUGA, POL STORAGE 2256N 08149W

FIVE GROUPS OF HORIZONTAL CYLINDRICAL TANKS IN SMALL VALLEY ARE NOW COVERED BY SHEDS. OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE OPEN STORAGE AREA, 6 MEDIUM-SIZE BUILDINGS AND 8 SMALL BUILDINGS, ONE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION, APPROXIMATELY 25 VEHICLES AND NUMEROUS SMALL TANKS. AREA IS SECURED.

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LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE.

[REDACTED]

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

CAMP CONTAINS 18 LOWBOYS, ONE PROBABLE LOWBOY, 11 LARGE TRUCKS AND APPROXIMATELY 50 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES NEAR RUNWAY. APPROXIMATELY 100 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT IN BARRACKS AREA.

25X1D

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JOVELLANOS, MILITARY AREA 2248N 08112W

25X1D NO MILITARY OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY LIMITS INTERPRETATION.

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NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08213W

.5 NM NNW OF NAZARENO. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. A NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED THROUGH HEAVY FOLIAGE.

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GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

25X1D TRENCHES AND AW POSITIONS APPEAR UNOCCUPIED. NO VEHICLES/MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED. PERMANENT FACILITIES REMAIN UNCHANGED.



CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE.



MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVE STORAGE SITE 2228N 08347W

25X1D NO APPARENT CHANGE.



SPECIAL AREA ALPHA 2258N 08227W

25X1D NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



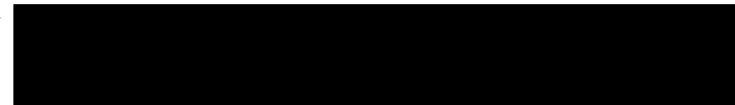
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH 2301N 08126W

25X1D NO NEW ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



VARADERO LANDING BEACH 2308N 08118W

25X1D NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.



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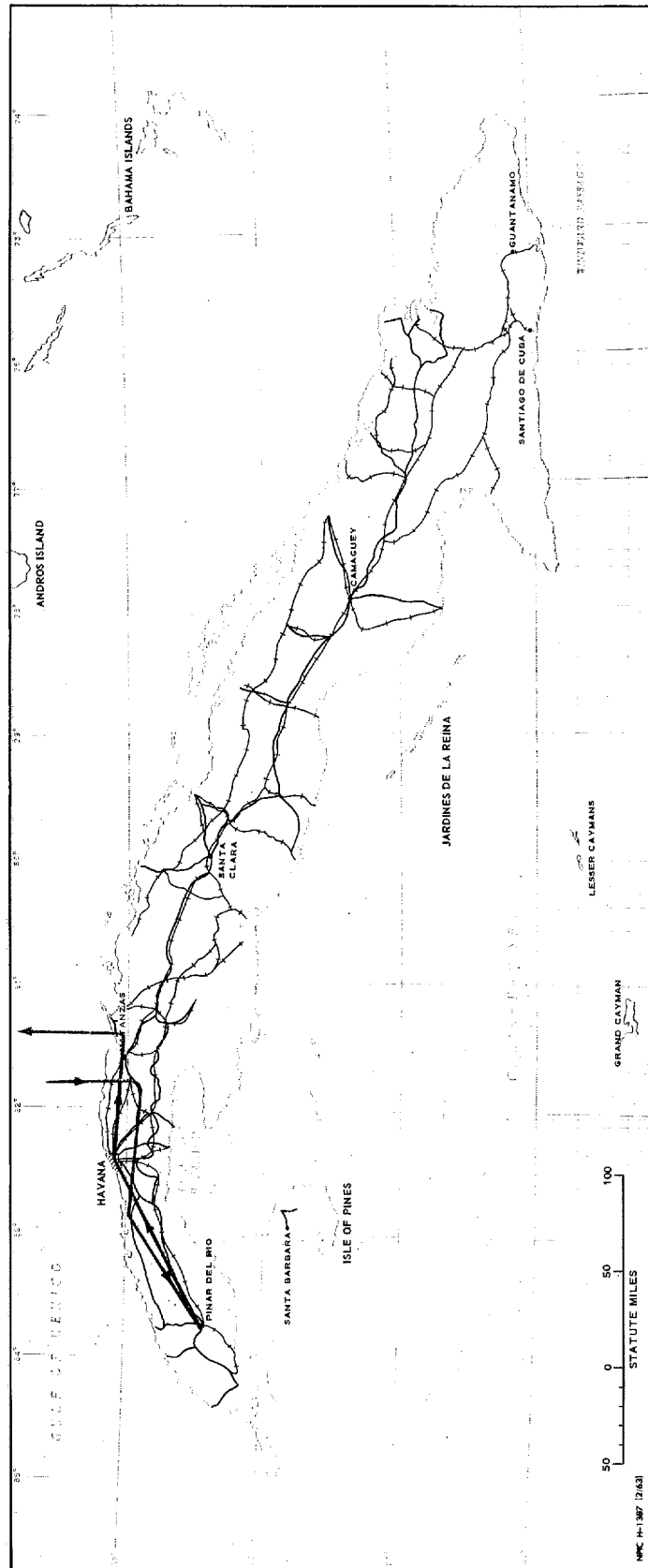
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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W	
TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES	2303N 08207W	
MANAGUA AIRFIELD	2258N 08217W	
MINAS AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2307N 08212W	
BAJURAYABO AREA MILITARY AREA	2308N 08210W	
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W	

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