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AT MATANZAS, CUBA**

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1. Major improvements to the port at Matanzas, Cuba, have been observed underway since [redacted]. At this harbor, which serves an important agricultural and industrial area, a section of wharf approximately 200 meters (656 feet) long is being completely rebuilt, and part of the bay is being dredged deep enough to serve 20,000-ton ships.

2. Work on the western end of the wharf was first observed on photography of [redacted]. According to a Cuban publication, Dubrocq Wharf was being rebuilt with prefabricated concrete pilings and slabs cast at the site.¹ When observed on photography of [redacted] (Figure 1) construction appeared to be approximately two-thirds complete. The reconstruction of the [redacted] wharf section includes extending it approximately [redacted] farther into the bay than the original wharf. When reconstruction has been completed, the entire length of the wharf will be rail served and a 15-ton crane will be installed for loading and unloading ship cargo.² The eastern [redacted] of wharf have remained unchanged and in service during this period of construction.

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3. Improvement of the port facilities also includes the dredging of the harbor area, the dredged material being deposited behind a rock wall to prevent resiltting. The wall, southwest of the wharf, has been extended as needed and was 335 meters (1,110 feet) long in [redacted].

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1. JPRS. 50416, 29 Apr 70, New Matanzas Wharf to be 204 Meters Long, 9 Apr 70 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. [redacted]

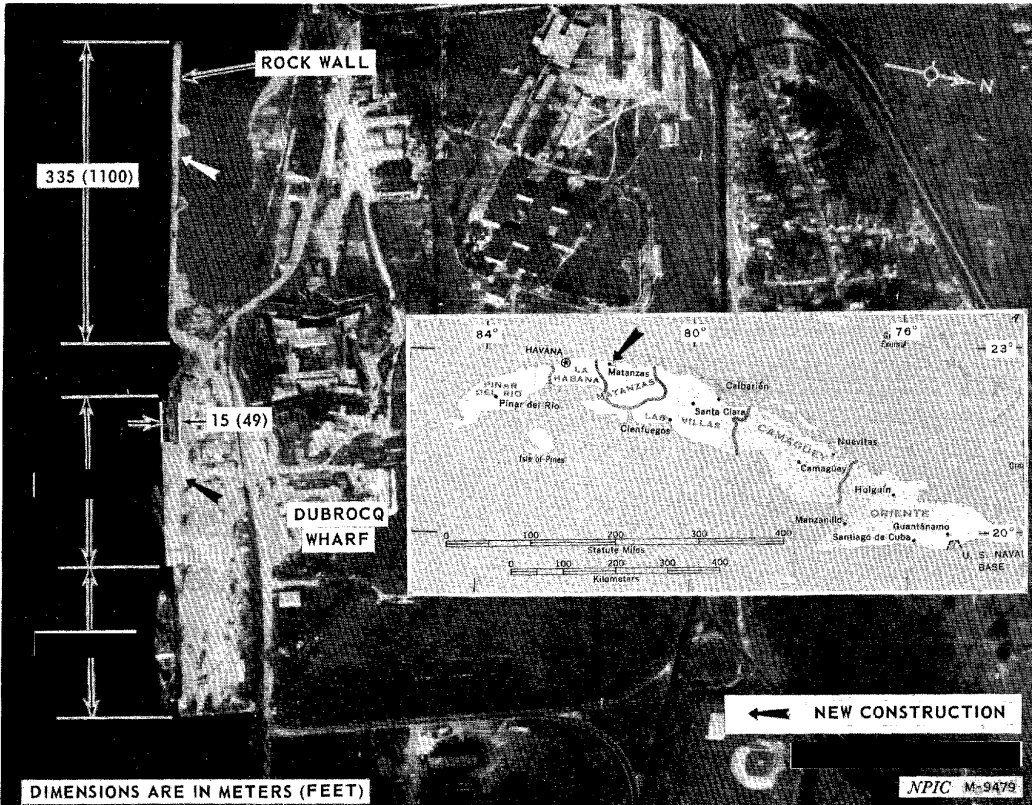


FIGURE 1. IMPROVEMENTS TO MATANZAS HARBOR, CUBA

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