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CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS  
PUNTA HUETE AIRFIELD, NICARAGUA (SWN/NOFORN)



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1. SIGNIFICANCE: RECENT CONSTRUCTION HAS RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS AT PUNTA HUETE AIRFIELD. (SWN)
2. REMARKS: CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE RECENTLY ON THE RUNWAY, THE PARALLEL TAXIWAY, AND THE AIRCRAFT DISPERSAL AREA. CONCRETE PAVING ON THE NEW RUNWAY BEGAN IN MID-FEBRUARY.  A 358 METER SEGMENT OF FINISHED SURFACE WAS IN PLACE NEAR THE CENTER OF THE AREA GRADED FOR THE RUNWAY. THE NEW SURFACE WAS APPROXIMATELY 22 METERS IN WIDTH WITH BASE MATERIAL LAID FOR EVENTUAL WIDENING TO AT LEAST 36 METERS. GROUND SCARRING INDICATES THE RUNWAY (INCLUDING POSSIBLE OVERRUNS), WILL BE FROM 3,100 TO 3,800 METERS IN LENGTH. PROBABLE CROSSOVER CONNECTING LINKS HAD BEEN GRADED NEAR BOTH ENDS OF THE RUNWAY CLEARING IN EARLY JANUARY. (SWN/NOFORN)

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THE CONCRETE PARALLEL TAXIWAY WAS EXTENDED BY 229 METERS IN JANUARY. THIS TAXIWAY, 2,483 BY 19-METERS, COULD BE USED AS AN ALTERNATE RUNWAY. IN FEBRUARY, SEVEN AIRCRAFT PARKING POSITIONS (EACH 39-BY 29-METERS) WERE ADDED TO THE AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON ALONG THE TAXIWAY. (SWN/NOFORN)

TWELVE REVETTED AIRCRAFT HARDSTANDS, IN GROUPS OF FOUR, HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE NORTH END OF THE DISPERSAL TAXIWAY SINCE EARLY JANUARY. THESE HARDSTANDS ARE IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR AIRCRAFT HARDSTANDS CONSTRUCTED AT THE SOUTH END OF THE DISPERSAL TAXIWAY IN SEPTEMBER 1983. THE NEW HARDSTANDS, APPROXIMATELY 13 METERS IN WIDTH, ARE IN A MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. (SWN/NOFORN)

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