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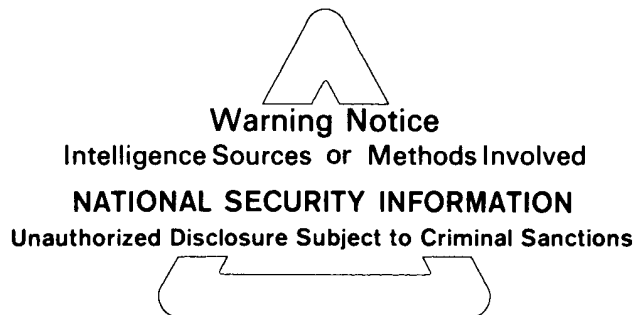
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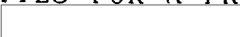
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PROBABLE CUBAN BRIGADE-SIZE INSTALLATION  
CAALA MILITARY INSTALLATION NE ANGOLA (SWN)



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1. SIGNIFICANCE: FACILITIES FOR A PROBABLE CUBAN BRIGADE WERE IDENTIFIED ON IMAGERY  IN CENTRAL ANGOLA. (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: THE BRIGADE-SIZE INSTALLATION IS APPROXIMATELY 11NM SOUTHWEST OF THE SOUTHERN CUBAN COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AND INFANTRY BRIGADE AT HUAMBO. ALTHOUGH A LOW LEVEL OF ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED, IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHETHER THE INSTALLATION WAS FULLY OCCUPIED. SEVERAL CARGO TRUCKS WERE DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE INSTALLATION. (SWN)

THE FACILITIES CONSISTED OF A MAIN GARRISON AREA, SEVERAL AIR DEFENSE SITES, AND A LARGE TRAINING AREA (GRAPHIC 1). THE MAIN GARRISON AREA CONTAINED ONE COMMAND AND CONTROL AREA WITH ADJACENT HARDENED UNDERGROUND PERSONNEL SHELTERS, ONE MOTOR POOL, ONE REVETTED VEHICLE PARKING AREA, AND TWO PROBABLE TANK PARKING AREAS WITH COVERED DRIVE-THROUGH REVETMENTS FOR POSSIBLY TWO TO THREE TANK COMPANIES, AND ONE PARADE FIELD (GRAPHIC 2 AND 3). APPROXIMATELY 75 HARDENED UNDERGROUND PERSONNEL SHELTERS OF VARIOUS SIZES WERE IN THIS GARRISON AREA. ADDITIONAL UNDERGROUND, CANVAS-COVERED PERSONNEL SHELTERS WERE DISPERSED AMONG THE TREES. (SWN)

AIR DEFENSE SITES WERE POSITIONED THROUGHOUT THE INSTALLATION (GRAPHIC 1). THESE DEFENSE SITES INCLUDED TWO OCCUPIED, SIX-POSITION AND TWO OCCUPIED, THREE-POSITION LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN SITES, AND FOUR SA-7 FIRING POSITIONS (NOT ALL ANNOTATED). (SWN)

THE TRAINING AREA INCLUDED A TANK/ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC) FIRING RANGE AND BOTH TRACKED AND WHEELED VEHICLE DRIVER TRAINING COURSES. AN OBSTACLE COURSE AND SEVERAL SMALL-ARMS FIRING RANGES WERE ALSO IN THE TRAINING AREA (GRAPHIC 4). (SWN)

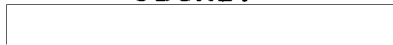
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ANALYST'S COMMENTS--MANY SIMILARITIES WERE NOTED BETWEEN THESE FACILITIES AND OTHER CUBAN INFANTRY BRIGADE INSTALLATIONS IN ANGOLA. THESE INCLUDED THE PHYSICAL SIZE OF THE INSTALLATION, THE EXTENSIVE USE OF COVERED, REVETTED PARKING POSITIONS, HARDENED UNDERGROUND PERSONNEL SHELTERS AND BUNKERS, AND TRAINING AREAS. THE TYPES AND NUMBER OF REVETMENTS AND PERSONNEL SHELTERS WERE CONSISTENT WITH OTHER CUBAN BRIGADE FACILITIES IN ANGOLA. ADDITIONALLY, DEFENSIVE TRENCHING AT THE AIR DEFENSE SITES RESEMBLED THE TRENCHED CIRCULAR PATTERN NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH CUBAN FORCES. TYPICALLY, THE ANGOLAN BRIGADE GARRISONS ARE NOT AS WELL ORGANIZED. THE LOW LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AT THIS INSTALLATION MAY INDICATE THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF THIS UNIT MAY NOT BE PRESENT. (SWN)

CAALA MILITARY INSTALLATION NE IS IN WEST CENTRAL ANGOLA, APPROXIMATELY 11 NM SOUTH OF THE BENGUELA RAIL LINE. (SWN)



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