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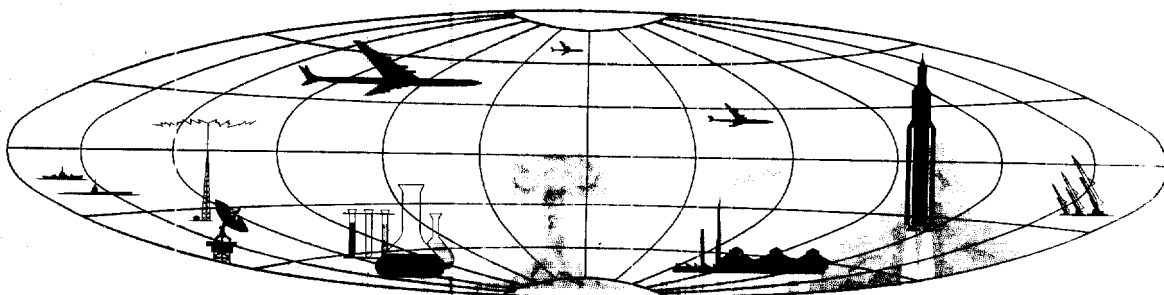


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3309, DATED 15 DECEMBER 1962. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2 2239N 07951W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN AREA VISIBLE.  
INCOMPLETE COVERAGE DUE TO CLOUDS.

25X1A

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BARTOLOME (REMEDIOS AREA), SUSP SSM ACTIVITY 2226N 07934W

NO MISSILE ACTIVITY NOTED IN CLEAR PORTIONS.

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SALAMANCA (REMEDIOS AREA), SUSP SSM ACTIVITY 2227N 07940W

NO MISSILE ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLEAR AREAS.

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CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE IS UNREVIEWED AND CONTAINS 3 UNCOVERED AND 3 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS, FRUIT-SET RADAR, AND UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CANVAS-COVERED VANS. UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION. TWO VEHICLES ARE ENTERING LAUNCH AREA. NO OTHER CHANGES NOTED SINCE

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SENADO SAM SITE 2136N 07733W

SIX MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS. SEVEN MISSILE TRANSPORTERS  
IN HOLD REVETMENTS. SCATTERED CLOUDS AND HAZE  
PRECLUDE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

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CHAMBAS SAM SITE 2213N 07853W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCH POSITIONS WITH AT  
LEAST 3 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS. THREE  
CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITIONS.  
GUIDANCE AREA CONTAINS 6 VANS. SUPPORT AREA HAS 4  
LARGE AND AT LEAST 8 SMALL TENTS, AND OTHER  
UNIDENTIFIED STRUCTURES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.  
CLOUD SHADOW PRECLUDES DETERMINATION OF CONSTRUCTION  
STATUS OF ADJACENT PERMANENT SITE.

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ESMERALDA SAM SITE 2155N 07813W

SIX MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS. ONE COVERED MISSILE  
TRANSPORTER AND ONE UNCOVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER IN  
HOLD REVETMENTS. 13 PRIME MOVERS, 7 BOGIE  
TRANSPORTERS, 4 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 3 BUILDINGS,  
3 LARGE, 2 MEDIUM AND 8 SMALL TENTS. 7 VANS AND FRUIT  
SET IN REVETTED GUIDANCE AREA. ONE PROBABLE  
MICROWAVE TOWER.

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM SITE 1959N 07550W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES VEHICLE COUNT.

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2003N 07553W

AREA INCLUDES 10 LARGE AND 8 SMALL TENTS, 11 PRIME MOVERS, 24 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND APPROXIMATELY 35 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES. AAA POSITION NOT OBSERVED. FIVE LARGE AND 2 SMALL BUILDINGS PROBABLY ASSOCIATED WITH SAM ASSEMBLY AREA ALSO NOTED.

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MALDONADO SAM SITE 2012N 07528W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS IN 6 COMPLETED REVETMENTS. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUING. FRUIT SET AND SPOON REST RADARS WITH 4 CANVAS-COVERED ELECTRONICS VANS IN CENTRAL GUIDANCE AREA. EIGHT MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (5 OF WHICH ARE CANVAS-COVERED) IN REVETTED HOLD POSITIONS.

TWENTY-FIVE UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED. NINE LARGE, 5 MEDIUM, AND 13 SMALL TENTS AND TWO LARGE STORAGE BUILDINGS ALSO NOTED.

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-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS (SANTA CLARA) AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

AIRCRAFT -- 5 FISHBED, 5 FAGOT/FRESCO, AND ONE PROBABLE FISHBED VISIBLE. AIRFIELD IS 80 PERCENT CLOUD COVERED, WITH ONLY THE NE PORTION CLEAR.

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CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2125N 07751W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 FAGOT/FRESCO. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE HAZE PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

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HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 7 FAGOT/FRESCO AND 2 LIAISON.  
AT LEAST 30 UNIDENTIFIED PACKING CRATES, PROBABLY NOT  
AIRCRAFT SECTIONS. AT LEAST 75 PROBABLE AIRCRAFT  
HANGARETTE SECTIONS (PRE-CAST CONCRETE), FOURTEEN  
LARGE TENTS, AT LEAST 75 SMALL TENTS, AND AT LEAST  
110 VEHICLES IN AREA. NUMEROUS OTHER VEHICLES IN  
WORK AREA.

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ANTONIO MACEO AIRFIELD 1958N 07550W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CRATE AND 4 LIAISON.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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-PORTS-

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

TWO BARGES AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT NOTED.  
SMALL ROAD-SERVED STORAGE SITE APPROXIMATELY ONE NM  
SSW OF PORT CONSISTS OF A REVETTED AREA CONTAINING  
3 SMALL BUILDINGS, ONE ASSOCIATED BUILDING, AND A  
SECURED AREA CONTAINING ONE UNDERGROUND BUNKER  
APPROXIMATELY 100 X 100 FT WITH TWO VENTS ON THE TOP.  
TWO ENTRANCE WAYS ARE LOCATED ON OPPOSITE CORNERS OF  
THE BUNKER. ONE SMALL AND 2 LARGE ASSOCIATED  
BUILDINGS ARE JUST NORTH OF THE SECURED AREA.  
NO OTHER CHANGES IN FACILITIES OR DEFENSES NOTED SINCE

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT 2001N 07550W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE AND TWO SMALL FREIGHTERS,  
NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN PORT FACILITIES SINCE  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS IN PORT.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN PORT AREA. NO APPARENT  
CHANGE IN PORT FACILITIES OR DEFENSES SINCE  
TWO CONCRETE ARCHES ON GROUND IN THE RAILYARD.

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

GUANTANAMO AREA 1 2005N 07523W

NO NEW OR UNUSUAL MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2053N 07614W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE  
APPROXIMATELY 45 TANKS AND 250 OTHER VEHICLES OR  
PIECES OF EQUIPMENT. ONE 6-GUN AAA SITE UNDER  
CAMOUFLAGE NETTING, AND ONE 9-GUN AAA SITE UNDER  
CAMOUFLAGE NETTING. TRENCHING NEARBY.

CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION NO 1 2121N 07750W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES VEHICLE COUNT.

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

AREA CONTAINS 6 COMPLETED BARRACKS, 6 BARRACKS UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION, 41 LARGE, 11 MEDIUM AND 24 SMALL TENTS.  
VEHICLES -- 189, INCLUDING 44 TANKS, 108 OTHER  
VEHICLES, AND A CONVOY OF 37 TRUCKS FORMING  
APPROXIMATELY ONE NM SE OF CAMP AREA.

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CAMAGUEY AREA, SMALL MILITARY CAMP 2126N 07753W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE  
HAZE PRECLUDES VEHICLE COUNT.

PLAYA YATERITAS, LANDING BEACH 1958N 07457W

NO NEW MILITARY OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED  
WITHIN A 25-NM RADIUS.

MAR VERDE, LANDING BEACH 1957N 07557W

CONTINUOUS TRENCH SYSTEM AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS  
POSITIONS (UNOCCUPIED) FROM ENTRANCE TO ENSENADA  
DE CABANAS (19-58N 075-55W) TO RANCHO CRUZ  
(19-58N 075-51W).

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STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS --

MISSION 3309 DID NOT COVER TARGETS WEST OF 81 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE.

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE LAST COVERAGE --

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REMEDIOS IRBM SITE  
SAN GERMAN AREA, MILITARY CAMP  
SAN GERMAN, MILITARY ACTIVITY  
SIBONEY AREA, LANDING BEACH

2225N 07935W  
2029N 07559W  
2025N 07602W  
1957N 07542W

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

25X1A

MANZANILLO SAM SITE  
CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE  
CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA  
CIFUENTES SAM ASSEMBLY AREA  
LOS CANOS AIRFIELD  
BAYAMO EAST AIRFIELD  
MANZANILLO PORT  
MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY

2018N 07706W  
2142N 07850W  
2151N 07844W  
2236N 08005W  
2004N 07509W  
2023N 07638W  
2021N 07707W  
2017N 07706W

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS WERE NOT OBSERVED BECAUSE OF ADVERSE WEATHER OR OTHER CONDITIONS --

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SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1  
SANTA BARBARA, SUSPECT MISSILE ACTIVITY  
PEPU (PEPUS), SUSPECT MISSILE ACTIVITY  
SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE  
CHAPARRA SAM SITE  
LOS ANGELES SAM SITE  
JIGUANI SAM SITE  
MANATI SAM SITE  
DELEITE SAM SITE  
DELEITE ALTERNATE SAM SITE  
VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA  
BANES CRUISE-MISSILE SITE  
BANES PORT  
BARACOA PORT  
MOA BAY PORT

2243N 08001W  
2012N 07634W  
2016N 07620W  
2251N 08005W  
2107N 07626W  
2100N 07541W  
2021N 07620W  
2113N 07702W  
2259N 08045W  
2301N 08044W  
2104N 07700W  
2058N 07538W  
2055N 07542W  
2021N 07430W  
2039N 07454W

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NUEVITAS PORT	2132N 07716W
LA ISABELA PORT	2256N 08001W
CARDENAS PORT	2302N 08112W
EL JUCARO, MILITARY AREA	2051N 07543W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2221N 07957W

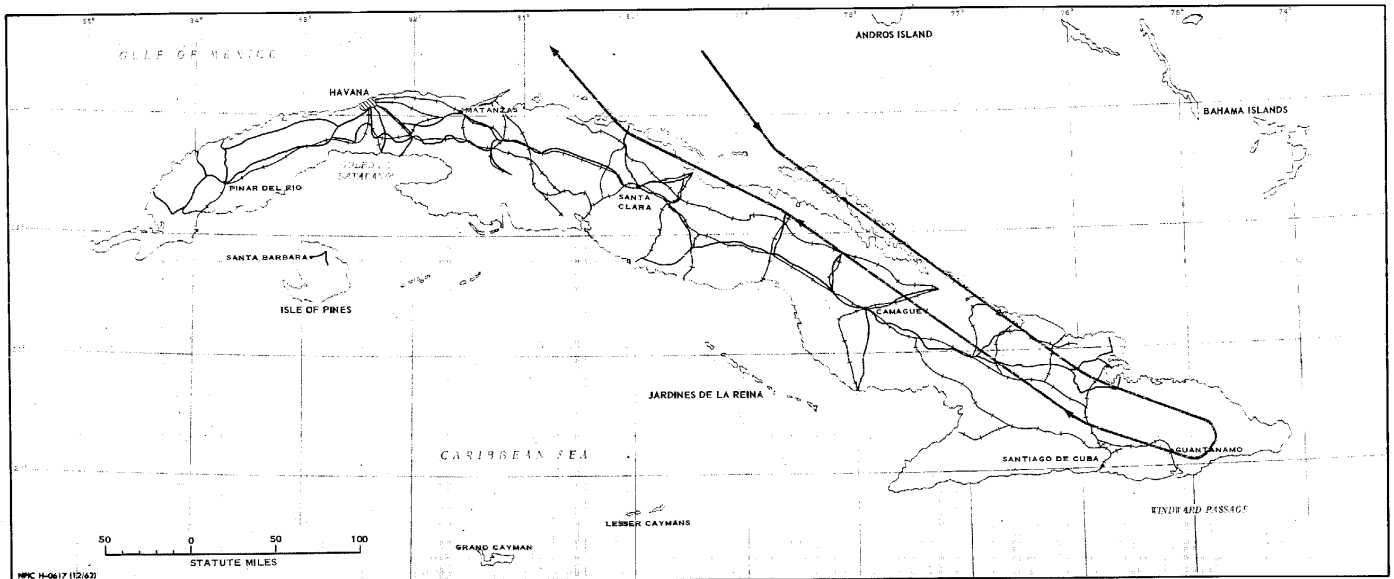
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VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2054N 07655W
NICARO, LANDING BEACH	2042N 07533W
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