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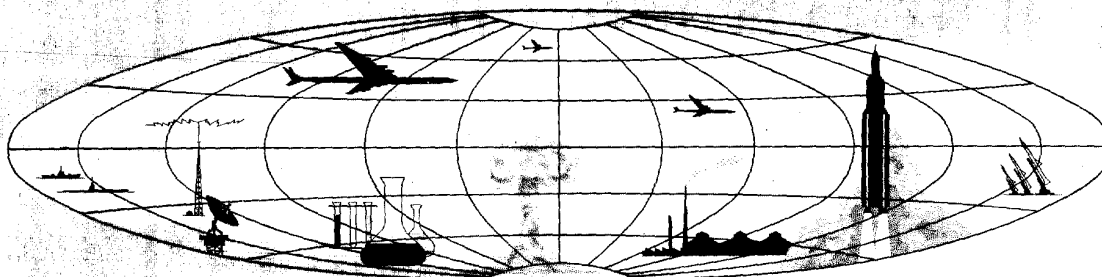


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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3500, DATED 19 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

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SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE 2241N 08355W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 2 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1

LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 5 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND A PARTIALLY CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

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HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SIX LAUNCHERS AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

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SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, AT LEAST 3
CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND A REVETTED
OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-
COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD
POSITION, AND A REVETTED, UNCOVERED FAN SONG RADAR.

25X1

SIGUANEA SAM SITE 2137N 08257W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, A CANVAS-
COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND A REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED
GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1

MANZANILLO SAM SITE 2018N 07706W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND A CANVAS-COVERED RADAR.

25X1

CHAMBAS SAM SITE 2213N 07853W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND A REVETTED UNCOVERED FAN
SONG RADAR.

25X1

ESMERALDA SAM SITE 2155N 07813W

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

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM SITE 1959N 07550W



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

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2003N 07553W



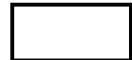
AREA CONTAINS 25 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, NUMEROUS
MISSILE CANISTERS, 43 MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES, AND 3
MOBILE CRANES.

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DELEITE SAM SITE 2259N 08045W



SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED
MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND AN UNCOVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1



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PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2221N 08339W



SITE CONTAINS 20 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND SEVERAL
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

25X1



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MALDONADO SAM SITE 2012N 07528W



SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, BAR LOCK AND FAN SONG RADARS.

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HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W



SIX UNREVETTED LAUNCHERS AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA
OBSERVED.
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MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W



SITE APPEARS COMPLETE.
NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.



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SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W



SITE OCCUPIED.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.



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CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W



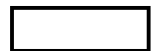
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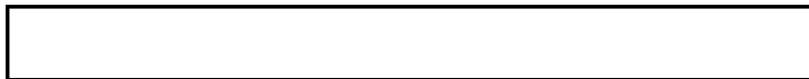
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-AIRFIELDS-

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W



AIRCRAFT -- 5 FAGOT/FRESCO VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE
AREAS.

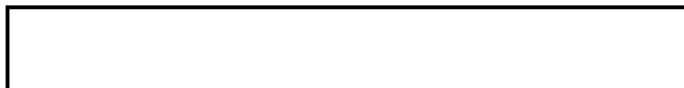


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SIGUANEIA AIRFIELD 2138N 08257W



NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.



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ANTONIO MACEO AIRFIELD 1958N 07550W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 LIAISON-TYPE AND ONE PROBABLE HOUND.

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SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 6 B-26, 3 FARMER, 9 FAGOT/FRESCO, 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT, 29 FISHBED, AND 3 T-6 VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 C-54, 3 C-47, ONE C-46, ONE LODESTAR, ONE VISCOUNT, ONE BRITANNIA, ONE CRATE, ONE CRATE FUSELAGE, AND 3 LIAISON-TYPE.

25X1

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CAB, ONE CRATE, AND NUMEROUS LIAISON-TYPE VISIBLE. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 39 HOUND AND ONE C-47. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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COLONEL MARTIN MARRERRO AIRFIELD 2150N 08247W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1

PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE POSSIBLE LIAISON-TYPE.

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MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE
AREAS.

25X1

BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- 4 FREIGHTERS, 5 PT, AND 2 PC.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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MANZANILLO PORT 2021N 07707W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1

SANTIAGO DE CUBA PORT 2001N 07550W

VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS. THE [REDACTED] WAS NOT
OBSERVED.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS (INCLUDING ONE
KARACHAEVO CHERKESSIYA-CLASS WITH ALL 5 HATCHES OPEN
AND BOOMS ACTIVE DOCKED ON SOUTH SIDE OF PASTELILLO
PIER NUMBER 4).
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1

NUEVA GERONA PORT 2153N 08248W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1

LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE FREIGHTER.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

VESSELS -- ONE FREIGHTER.
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1

CASILDA PORT 2145N 07959W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1

JUCARO PORT 2137N 07851W

VESSELS -- 2 FREIGHTERS VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1

SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 3 LARGE FREIGHTERS (INCLUDING ONE
KRASNOGRAD CLASS DOCKED AT NEW WHARF WITH HATCHES
OPEN, BOOMS ACTIVE).
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 17 FREIGHTERS, 5 TRAWLERS, ONE TANKER, AND
4 PT.

OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

NO LARGE VESSELS VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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PUERTO PADRE PORT 2113N 07632W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

GUANTANAMO AREA 1 2005N 07523W

25X1

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2017N 07706W

25X1

CAMP CONTAINS 7 BUILDINGS, 7 LARGE, 9 MEDIUM, AND 20
SMALL TENTS, 5 HARDSTANDS, 9 POSSIBLE FA PIECES, AND
19 POSSIBLE TANKS/SP GUNS.

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SAN GERMAN AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2029N 07559W

25X1

NUMEROUS VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN AREA.

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

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NUMEROUS VEHICLES IN CAMP.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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EL CRISTO, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2007N 07546W

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NO VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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SANTA FE AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2143N 08249W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
SEVEN VEHICLES IN AREA.

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LOMAS DE CRISTO, MILITARY AREA 2006N 07546W

SEE EL CRISTO, MILITARY INSTALLATION.

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CAYO LARGO 2138N 08129W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE LIAISON-TYPE.
CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON RUNWAY.
ONE BARGE IS MOORED AT WHARF AT NNW END OF ISLAND.
NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

NUMEROUS VEHICLES IN AREA.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

NUMEROUS VEHICLES IN AREA.
OBLIQUITY AND POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER
INTERPRETATION.

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

MAYARI ARRIBA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2029N 07530W

TWENTY-TWO CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES AND NUMEROUS VEHICLES
OBSERVED.

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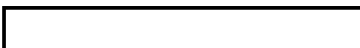
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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE
LAST COVERAGE --

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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1	2240N 08317W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES	2303N 08207W
CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W
SENADO SAM SITE	2136N 07733W
DELEITE ALTERNATE SAM SITE	2301N 08044W
CERCA DE PIEDRA, SUSPECT SAM SUPPORT AREA	2004N 07551W
SIGUANEA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2137N 08258W
LA SIERRA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2156N 08019W
LOS CANOS AIRFIELD	2004N 07509W
PRESTON AIRFIELD	2044N 07539W
CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD	2307N 08117W
JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD	2209N 08025W
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2300N 08226W

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PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP	2223N 08342W
LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE	2252N 08233W
EL JUCARO, MILITARY AREA	2051N 07543W
ALTO CEDRO, ARTILLERY TRAINING AREA	2029N 07600W
MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2307N 08212W
HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2301N 08226W
SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2255N 08210W
MADRUGA, POL STORAGE	2256N 08149W
LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08124W
PURIO, MILITARY AREA	2233N 07952W
LAGUNA SIGUA, MILITARY AREA	1954N 07531W

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GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA	2311N 08203W
BAJURAYABO AREA MILITARY CAMP	2308N 08210W
MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVE STORAGE SITE	2228N 08347W
LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08213W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
SIBONEY LANDING BEACH	1957N 07542W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH	2301N 08126W
VARADERO LANDING BEACH	2308N 08118W
CIENFUEGOS LANDING BEACH	2202N 08036W
MAR VERDE LANDING BEACH	1957N 07557W
ENSENADA COLORADO LANDING BEACH	2202N 08025W
PLAYA COLOMBO LANDING BEACH	2154N 08246W
PLAYA DE FLAMENCOS LANDING BEACH	2153N 08243W
NICARO LANDING BEACH	2042N 07533W
SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2303N 08218W
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2258N 08218W
BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES	2256N 08223W
LA ROSITA AREA, STORAGE INSTALLATION	2208N 08004W

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MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA	2304N 08133W
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THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT
NOT INTERPRETED --

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SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1	2243N 08001W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
MARIEL SAM SITE	2300N 08249W
BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE	2257N 08317W
CIENFUEGOS SAM SITE	2202N 08024W

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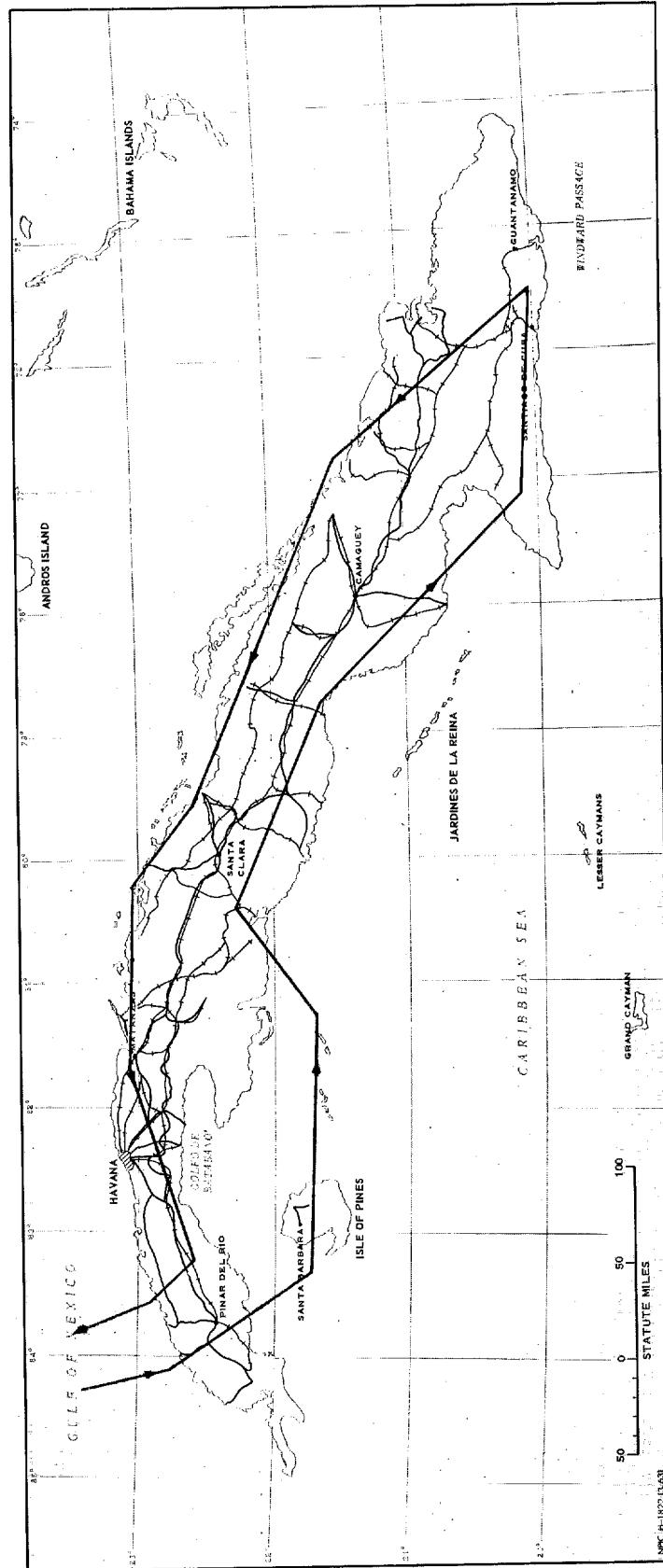
LOS ANGELES SAM SITE	2100N 07541W
JIGUANI SAM SITE	2021N 07620W
MANATI SAM SITE	2113N 07702W
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2257N 08221W
CIEGO DE AVILA, SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2152N 07844W
CAMAGUEY AIRFIELD SAM SITE	2122N 07750W
GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2300N 08250W
CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD	2229N 07955W
CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD	2125N 07751W
BAYAMO EAST AIRFIELD	2023N 07638W
TRINIDAD AIRFIELD	2147N 07959W
ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP	2251N 08248W
LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08242W
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08311W
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08252W
HOLGUIN AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2053N 07614W
REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2227N 07934W
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08220W
TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX	2259N 08228W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2221N 07957W
CAMAGUEY AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2126N 07753W
VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS, MILITARY CAMP	2054N 07655W
CASCAJAL, MILITARY AREA	2240N 08031W
CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP	2307N 08206W
HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08218W

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION	2224N 07953W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W

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