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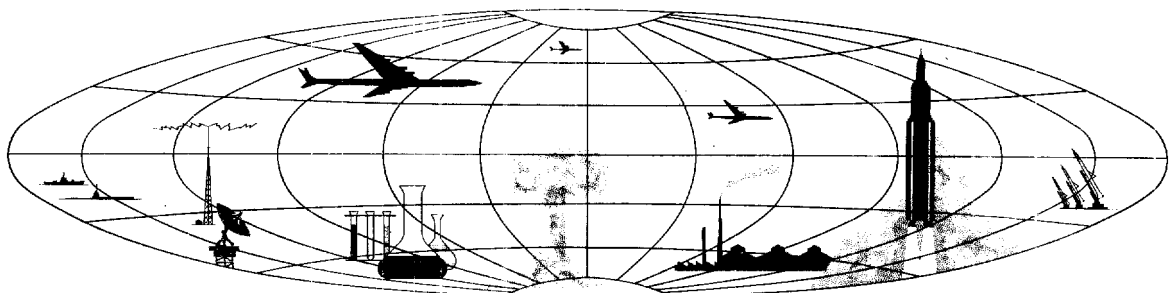
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3417, DATED 11 FEBRUARY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

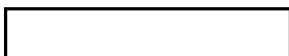
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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3 2242N 08308W

SITE IS INACTIVE AND ABANDONED.

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GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N 08239W

SITE ABANDONED, NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED. SEE GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 FOR ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN AREA.

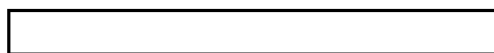
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GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N 08236W

ONE OPEN-BED TRUCK NEAR ARCH-ROOFED BUILDING, AND 10 OPEN-BED TRAILERS AND TRUCKS AND ONE SMALL AND 2 LARGE TENTS IN SUPPORT AREA MIDWAY BETWEEN SITES 1 AND 2.

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TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

THREE BUNKERS APPEAR COMPLETED AND 3 NOT COMPLETED. NO APPARENT ACTIVITY. AREA ONE NM TO WEST CONTAINS 3 COMPLETED BUNKERS (EARTH-COVERED AND VENTILATED), 2 COMPLETED BUNKERS (NOT YET EARTH-COVERED), 3 POSSIBLY COMPLETED AND EARTH-COVERED BUNKERS, AND 3 BUNKERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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BELLAMAR, SUSPECT SSM ACTIVITY 2302N 08133W

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TWO HELICOPTERS (HOUND) IDENTIFIED 0.5 NM SOUTH OF RIO SAN JUAN ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF MATANZAS. NO OTHER ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[Redacted]

MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA 2304N 08133W

25X1D

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OR VEHICLES OBSERVED.

[Redacted]

SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE 2241N 08355W

25X1D

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS -- ONE CANVAS COVERED, FOUR WITH MISSILES, AND ONE WITH MISSILE BEING LOADED FROM TRANSPORTER. FIVE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS ARE IN HOLD POSITIONS. CONTROL REVETMENT AND ACQUISITION RADAR ARE NET COVERED.

[Redacted]

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE 2205N 08409W

25X1D

FIVE LAUNCHERS IN POSITION. ONE MISSILE OBSERVED ADJACENT TO A LAUNCHER NOT IN POSITION. TWO OF THE HOLD REVETMENTS ARE CANVAS COVERED. GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE. INCOMPLETE COVERAGE.

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LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

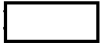
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SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED OCCUPIED LAUNCH POSITIONS, GUIDANCE RADAR IN POSITION, AND 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITIONS.

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MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

25X1A



SITE IS OPERATIONAL AND CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS IN  
REVTMENTS, 3 MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED  
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD POSITIONS. GUIDANCE  
REVTMENT IS UNCOVERED.

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MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W

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SITE CONTAINS 5 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS AND ONE  
UNCOVERED LAUNCHER (ALL WITH MISSILES), AND CENTRAL  
GUIDANCE AREA. SEVEN MISSILE TRANSPORTERS ARE IN HOLD  
POSITIONS. THREE PERMANENT BUILDINGS AND 3 LARGE  
TENTS OBSERVED.

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BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 08317W

25X1A



SITE IS OPERATIONAL AND CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS IN  
REVTMENTS, 4 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS,  
7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS IN HOLD  
POSITIONS. GUIDANCE RADAR REVTMENT IS OCCUPIED, AND  
ACQUISITION RADAR IS NET COVERED.

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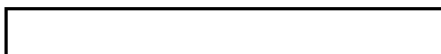
HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

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SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS WITH  
PROBABLE MISSILES, A FAN SONG RADAR AND ASSOCIATED  
EQUIPMENT, AND 2 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE-HOLD AREAS  
(ONE CONTAINING ONE OR 2 POSSIBLE MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS AND THE SECOND CONTAINING ONE MISSILE  
TRANSPORTER AND 6 POSSIBLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS).  
EQUIPMENT ON PARKING HARDSTAND IS CANVAS COVERED.

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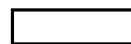


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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W



AREA CONTAINS 24 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 6 LOWBOY TRAILERS AND NUMEROUS UNIDENTIFIED PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN OPEN STORAGE.

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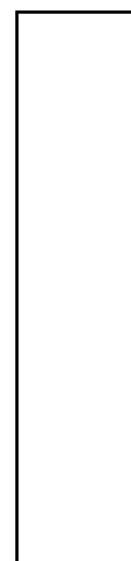
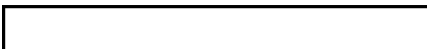


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PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2221N 08339W

TWENTY EMPTY MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 6 COVERED PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AT LEAST 35 MISSILE CANNISTERS.

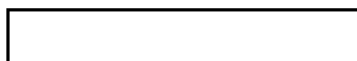
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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

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NO APPARENT CHANGE.



MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

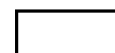
SITE NEARING COMPLETION. FIVE REVETTED LAUNCH POSITIONS COMPLETED, SIXTH IN LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. GUIDANCE REVETMENT AND HOLD REVETMENTS ALSO COMPLETED. THREE LAUNCH REVETMENTS AND GUIDANCE REVETMENT CONTAIN TRUCKS/EQUIPMENT. NUMEROUS OTHER TRUCKS IN AREA.

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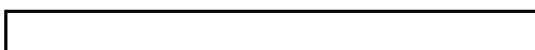
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SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W



SITE CONTAINS 2 LAUNCHERS IN REVETMENTS (ONE UNCOVERED), 10 MISSILE-SHIPPING CRATES, SEVERAL CANVAS-COVERED AREAS (ONE OF WHICH CONTAINS POSSIBLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS), UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS IN THE WOODS, AND 23 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT IN PARKING AREA.

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CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

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SITE CONTAINS 2 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS. SOUTHERNMOST LAUNCHER, INSIDE A U-SHAPED CANVAS FENCE, IS NOT REVETTED. SEVEN TRANSPORTERS, 10 SHIPPING CRATES, 8 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, AND 15 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

25X1A

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN VEHICLE COUNT IN HEADQUARTERS AREA WHICH ALSO CONTAINS 46 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES AND 12 LOWBOY-TYPE TRANSPORTERS. AT LEAST FOUR UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT UNDER TREES JUST SOUTH OF REPORTED LAUNCH AREA.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

-AIRFIELDS-

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

25X1A

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 20 FAGOT/FRESCO, 3 FARMER, ONE PROBABLE FARMER, 2 BRIGADYR, 10 B-26, (9 PROBABLE DERELICT), 3 CAB, 3 CRATE, 2 T-6, AND 7 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD 2206N 08409W

25X1A

AIRCRAFT -- ONE DERELICT. TWENTY-FIVE WHITE OBJECTS (CYLINDRICAL) APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED] AND 4 DARKER OBJECTS SIMILAR IN SIZE AND SHAPE AT EAST END OF MAINTENANCE AREA. INCOMPLETE COVERAGE.

25X1

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 4 C-47, 2 VISCOUNT, ONE CRATE, ONE B-26, 3 C-54, 2 BRITANNIA, ONE LODESTAR, ONE C-46, AND 3 LIAISON.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 21 LIAISON, 9 BRIGADYR, 8 COLT, 2 BIPLANES, ONE PBY, AND 11 ZLIN TRENER.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 49 HOUND, (5 WITHOUT ROTORS), 10 HARE, ONE CAB, ONE CRATE, 2 BELL HELICOPTERS. ILS LOCATED 1,000 FT SW OF RUNWAY. NUMEROUS HELICOPTER CRATES IN AREA.

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN TENT COUNT AT AIRFIELD. TWENTY-SEVEN SQUAD TENTS ARE LOCATED ONE NM WNW.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE.

VEHICLES -- 16 TRUCKS TOWING SHORT FLATBED TRAILERS, 9 ADDITIONAL SHORT FLATBED TRAILERS, 2 LARGE OPEN-BED TRUCKS, AND APPROXIMATELY 75 SMALLER TRUCKS.

APPROXIMATELY 20 ADDITIONAL VEHICLES, AND SEVEN OTHER TRUCKS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT AREA.

[REDACTED]



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PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE COLT.

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[REDACTED]

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- ONE PF AT CEMENT PLANT PIER, ONE SMALL COASTAL FREIGHTER AND ONE PF AT LA BOCA PIER, AND 11 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 2 PT BOATS AND ONE PF AT NAS PIERS. ONE TANKER ENTERING HARBOR.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

VESSELS -- NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED, NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED, INCOMPLETE COVERAGE.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 4 FREIGHTERS. AT LEAST 5 LOWBOY TRAILERS OBSERVED ON DOCK ALONGSIDE AWAITING LOADING.

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25X1D SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W  
VESSELS -- ONE SMALL CRAFT, NO LARGE VESSELS  
OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

25X1D HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W  
VESSELS -- 17 FREIGHTERS AT PIERS, 5 FREIGHTERS  
AT ANCHOR, AND ONE FREIGHTER ENTERING HARBOR. ONE  
FREIGHTER AT ANCHOR HAS DECK CARGO CONSISTING OF 26  
BOX-SHAPED OBJECTS APPROXIMATELY 30 X 10 FT. ANOTHER  
FREIGHTER AT ANCHOR HAS 14 OF THESE OBJECTS, WHICH  
APPEAR TO BE POSSIBLE RAILROAD CARS RATHER THAN  
CRATES. NUMEROUS OTHER SMALL CRAFT IN HARBOR AREA.

[REDACTED]

25X1A

25X1D LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W  
VESSELS -- NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT. NO MILITARY  
ACTIVITY NOTED.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

25X1D CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W  
VESSELS -- ONE CARGO VESSEL (APPROXIMATELY 500 FT  
LONG) IN BAY OFFLOADING ONTO 2 LIGHTERS ALONGSIDE.

[REDACTED]

25X1D BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W  
NO VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1A

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

APPROXIMATELY 55 VEHICLES IN VEHICLE PARK. NO MAJOR CHANGES IN FACILITIES.

25X1D

[Redacted]

LA FLORA AREA MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D

[Redacted]

ARTEMISA MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

NO APPARENT CHANGE. SCALE PRECLUDES VEHICLE COUNT.

25X1D

[Redacted]

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

25X1B MAIN AREA HAS 4 LARGE AND 3 SMALL TENTS, 7 TRUCKS, AND 3 TRAILERS. AREA 1.2 NM SE OF MAIN AREA CONTAINS

25X1D

[Redacted]

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BAHIA HONDA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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[REDACTED]

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MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08212W

[REDACTED]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. ONE OPEN-BED TRUCK OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

THIRTY-ONE UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED THROUGH HEAVY FOLIAGE. THIRTY CARGO TRUCKS NEAR ATHLETIC FIELD. FOURTEEN POSSIBLE TANKS, 7 TRUCKS, AND 8 SMALL VEHICLES AT EAST END OF AREA. DENSE FOLIAGE PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF AREA.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN VEHICLE COUNT WHICH INCLUDES AT LEAST 28 TANKS.

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MADRUGA, POL STORAGE 2256N 08149W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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[Redacted]

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

APPROXIMATELY 400 VEHICLES IN AREA. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

25X1D

[Redacted]

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08213W

TEN TRUCKS, 12 TANKS, AND 7 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

25X1D

[Redacted]

GUANABO, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

FIRST AREA CONTAINS AT LEAST 15 VEHICLES (MANY PARKED UNDER DENSE FOLIAGE). THE SECOND AREA CONTAINS 4 LONG BUILDINGS AND ONE POSSIBLE LONG BUILDING, 2 SMALLER BUILDINGS, AND AT LEAST 4 VEHICLES VISIBLE THROUGH THE FOLIAGE.

25X1D

[Redacted]

CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

AREA CONTAINS ONE LONG BUILDING, ONE T-SHAPED BUILDING ATTACHED TO ANOTHER LONG BUILDING, AND 7 MEDIUM-SIZE BUILDINGS. THIRTEEN TANKS (IN GROUPS OF 6 AND 7) AND 11 TRUCKS ARE PARKED WITHIN THE CAMP SITE.

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BAJURAYABO, MILITARY AREA 2308N 08210W

SIX FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES, 16 FIELD ARTILLERY PIECES  
TOWED BY TRUCKS, AND 19 ADDITIONAL TRUCKS OBSERVED.

25X1D

[Redacted]

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GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. VEHICLE AND FIELD  
ARTILLERY COUNT REMAIN THE SAME.

25X1D

[Redacted]

25X1A

SPECIAL AREA ALPHA 2258N 08227W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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[Redacted]

SPECIAL AREA HOTEL 2301N 08246W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

[Redacted]

SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE 2250N 08233W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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[Redacted]

SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED 2254N 08231W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

[Redacted]

SPECIAL AREA VICTOR 2300N 08234W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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SPECIAL AREA TANGO 2258N 08244W

25X1D

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

TARARA AREA, LANDING BEACH 2310N 08212W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

[REDACTED]

MATANZAS, LANDING BEACH 2301N 08126W

25X1D

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]

VARADERO, LANDING BEACH 2308N 08118W

25X1D

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED.

[REDACTED]

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2300N 08218W

25X1D

CAMP CONSISTS OF 2 AREAS. THE SOUTHERN AREA CONTAINS 3 VEHICLE SHEDS, 5 BARRACKS AND 4 SMALLER SUPPORT-TYPE BUILDINGS. AT LEAST 13 TANKS ARE PARKED ON HARDSTANDS ADJACENT TO AND IN A WOODED AREA. FOURTEEN PROBABLE TANKS ARE PARKED PARTIALLY UNDER ONE OF THE 3 VEHICLE SHEDS. EIGHT POSSIBLE TANKS PARKED IN FIELD BETWEEN TANKS ON HARDSTANDS AND SHEDS. THERE APPEARS TO BE ADDITIONAL VEHICLES AND BUILDINGS IN WOODED AREAS.

NORTHERN AREA CONTAINS 4 LARGE AND APPROXIMATELY 13 SMALLER BUILDINGS. FIFTEEN TRUCKS ARE PARKED IN AREA. CAMP IS PARTIALLY FENCED ON NORTHERN SIDE.

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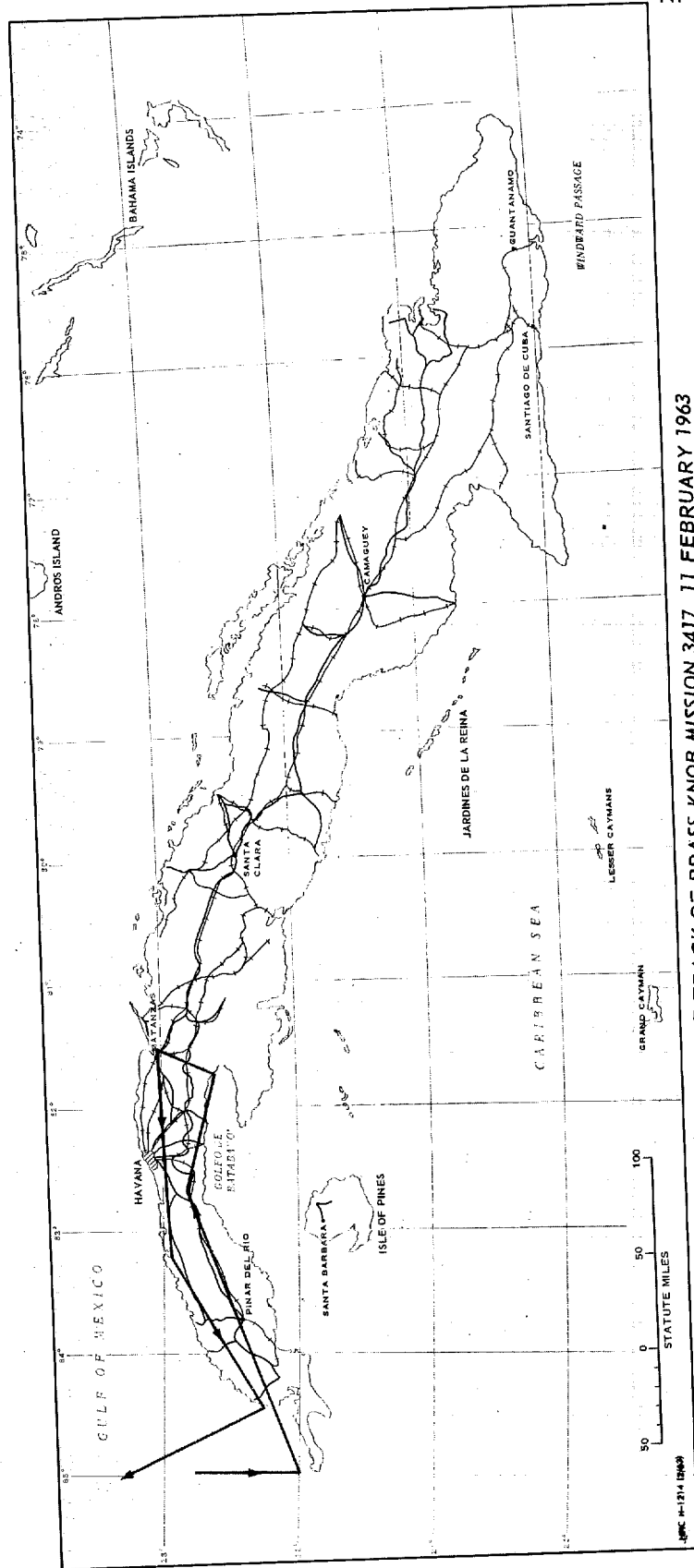
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