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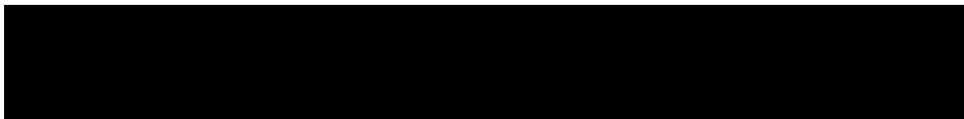
## PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT



### SUMMARY OF

### ACTIVITY IN CUBA

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## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY IN CUBA

This summary is a report of significant activity observed on photography from 35 successful high altitude missions flown over Cuba during the period [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and updates prior publications covering [REDACTED] An additional mission was flown, but aborted due to severe weather conditions.

Highlights of activity observed during this period include:

1. SA-2 missile activity
2. Cruise-missile activity
3. Electronics activity
4. Military activity

## SA-2 MISSILE ACTIVITY 25X1D

During the [REDACTED] period, the following SA-2 sites were observed to be abandoned on the dates indicated:

1. Nuevitas SAM Site, [REDACTED]

2. Caibarien SAM Site, [REDACTED]

3. Mata SAM Site, [REDACTED]

This site had been partially vacated since [REDACTED]

The abandonment of these sites has reduced the number of deployed operational SAM sites in Cuba to 21 (Figure 1).

The equipment removed from these sites apparently has been distributed to various military associated areas throughout the island.

Seventeen SA-2 missile transporters, 6 probably associated tractor-trailer trucks, and approximately 130 vehicles were first observed at Buenaventura Military Activity on [REDACTED]

only 2 SA-2 missile transporters and numerous other vehicles were present. They were observed on [REDACTED], but were not present on [REDACTED]

Two SA-2 launchers and associated guidance equipment were observed on [REDACTED] at Santa Clara Military Camp Cubanacan. The launchers and equipment re-

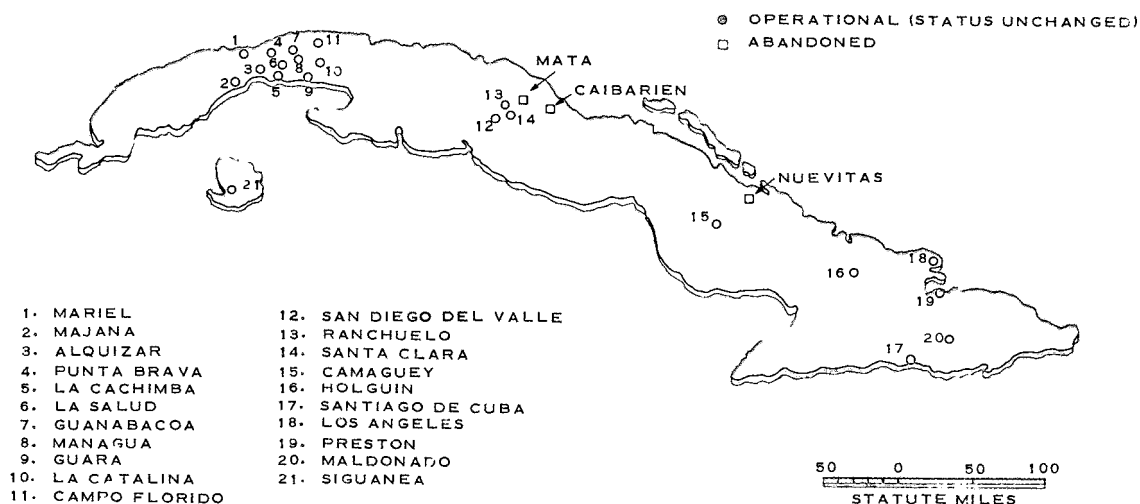


FIGURE 1. CURRENT SA-2 SITE DEPLOYMENT.

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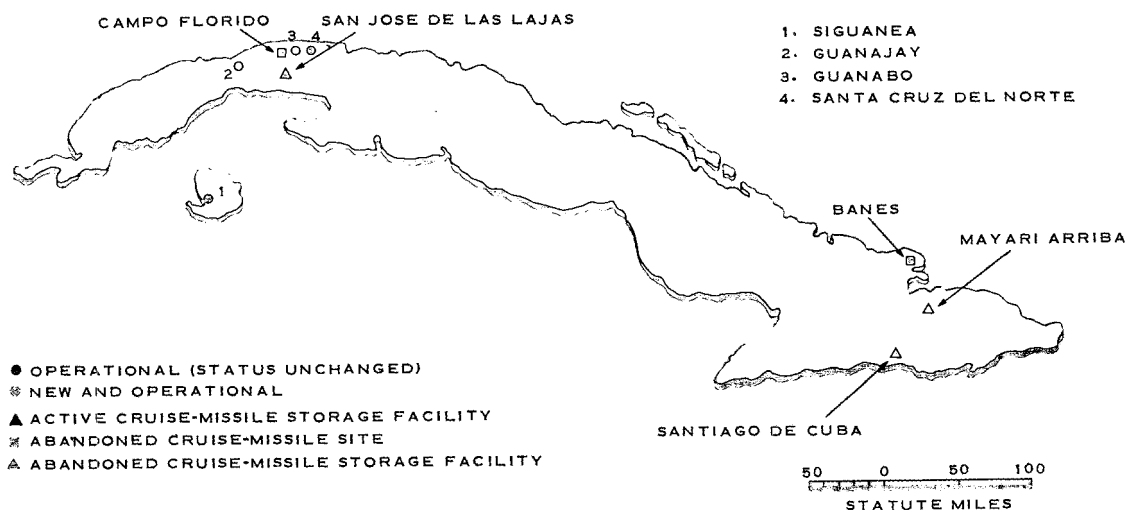


FIGURE 2. CRUISE-MISSILE SITE DEPLOYMENT AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITY.

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maintained until at least [REDACTED] did not appear to be present in [REDACTED] and have not been observed since.

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Nine SA-2 launchers and associated equipment were observed on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], at Zaragoza Area Military Camp. By

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[REDACTED] 12 launchers were observed. The associated equipment (including 2 FAN SONG

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radars) was still present. [REDACTED] 6 SA-2 launchers, 1 FAN SONG radar, and approximately half of the associated equipment were

observed to have been removed from the area. The remaining SA-2 launchers, FAN SONG

radar, and associated equipment were still present on [REDACTED]

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Two emplaced SA-2 launchers, a FAN SONG radar, and associated vans (arranged in a guidance area configuration) were observed on [REDACTED], at the Bejucal Field Communication Center and were still in their original position on [REDACTED].

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Two SA-2 launchers and probably associated electronic vans were observed on [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] at El Cano Probable SAM Training Area. In [REDACTED], 5 SA-2 launchers,

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3 missile transporters, associated equipment, and a TOKEN-type radar were observed in the area. The area remained virtually unchanged through the last sighting -- [REDACTED]

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Three SA-2 launchers, associated electronic vans, and other vehicles were first observed at Santiago Military Camp Antonio Maceo on [REDACTED]. A fourth SA-2 launcher appeared in [REDACTED] and was present for about a month. By [REDACTED] only 2 SA-2 launchers, electronic vans, and other vehicles remained.

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### CRUISE-MISSILE ACTIVITY

Two cruise-missile sites were abandoned and reestablished during this report period (Figure 2).

#### ABANDONED

1. Banes
2. Campo Florido

#### NEW

1. Guanajay
2. Guanabo

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On [REDACTED] the Banes Cruise-Missile Site was observed to be partially vacated, and a convoy of cruise-missile-associated vehicles and equipment was observed 1.4 nautical miles (nm) southwest of the site. When next seen, on

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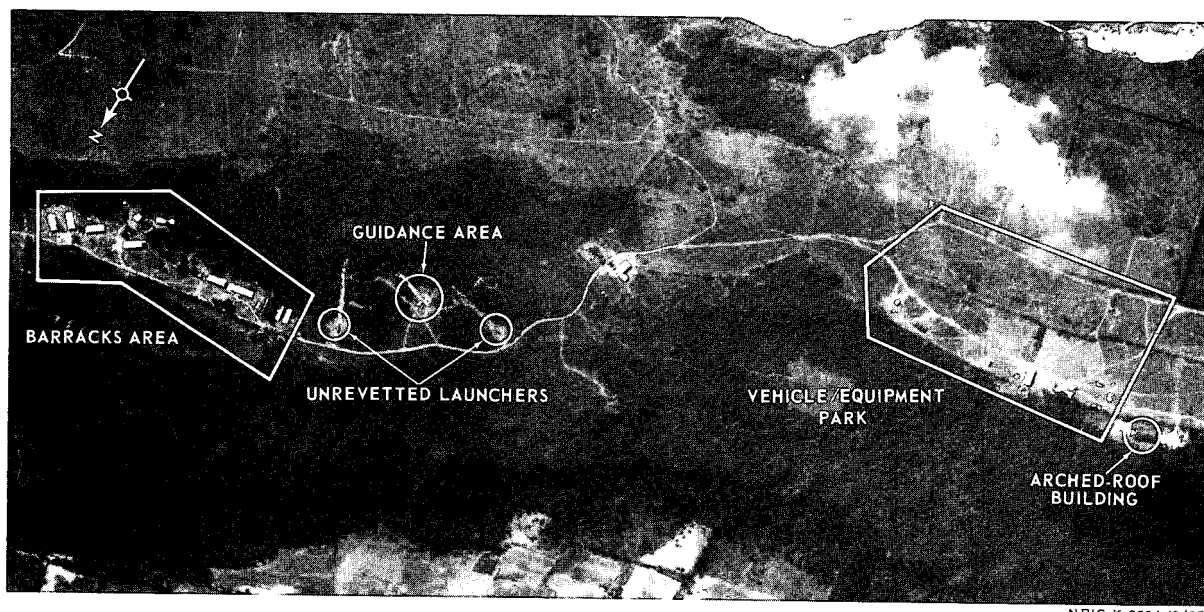


FIGURE 3. GUANAJAY CRUISE-MISSILE SITE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the site was unoccupied and considered abandoned.

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On [REDACTED] cruise-missile transporters, [REDACTED] and associated equipment were noted within a secured storage area at the Banes Naval Base. This was apparently the hardware from the Banes Cruise-Missile Site and was in the process of being transported to the western portion of the island where the new sites were later observed.

Further developments at the site occurred on [REDACTED] when one of the launchers was moved 0.7 nm to the east. By [REDACTED] both launchers and the guidance equipment were located in this new area. No other changes have been noted since this date (Figure 3).

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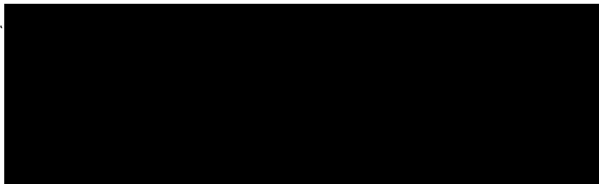
The Guanabo Cruise-Missile Site was first identified on [REDACTED] when 2 emplaced launchers and a partially completed guidance area were observed. The equipment normally associated with the site was not observed due to scattered cloud conditions. This equipment, along with missile assembly/checkout tents, was first observed on [REDACTED]. The site was also subsequently relocated 0.7 nm south-southeast of the original area (Figure 4). This movement was noted on [REDACTED].

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Coincident with and during the same general time span of the cruise-missile site movements



The Campo Florido Cruise-Missile Site was observed to be partially vacated on [REDACTED]

all the cruise-missile-associated vehicles and equipment had been removed.

The first indication of site relocation was on [REDACTED] when 2 launchers, 8 cruise-missile transporters, and other associated equipment, including [REDACTED] were observed in an area adjacent to the former Guanajay IRBM Site 1. When next seen, on [REDACTED] the launchers were emplaced, and the site was probably operational.

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FIGURE 4. GUANABO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE

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are apparently being stockpiled at San Jose de Lajas Cruise-Missile Storage Area, where a significant increase was noted during [REDACTED] (Figure 2).

Of the 4 operational cruise-missile sites in Cuba, 3 are located on the north coast within a 30 nm radius of Havana. The fourth site is on the Isle of Pines.

### ELECTRONICS ACTIVITY

Two EW/GCI radar sites were newly identified during the report period. On [REDACTED], Sagua La Grande EW/GCI Radar Site 2 was observed 2.4 nm west-southwest of Sagua La Grande. The site consisted of living quarters, a probable BAR LOCK radar, and 10 probable van trucks.

Photographic coverage of [REDACTED] revealed the Vereda Nueva EW/GCI Radar Site located 2.1 nm east-northeast of Vereda Nueva and 3.5 nm northwest of San Antonio de los Banos Airfield. Equipment present at this time consisted of 1 probable BAR LOCK and 1 probable ROCK CAKE/STONE CAKE radar (both on mounds), and 4 van trucks.

Two suspect LOW SIEVE radar sites were first reported during this [REDACTED] period. They were the Punta Mulas Suspect LOW SIEVE Radar Site, [REDACTED] and the Matanzas Suspect LOW SIEVE Radar Site, [REDACTED].

On [REDACTED] Cayo Largo Radar Site was first observed just north of the west end of Cayo Largo Airfield. The site consisted of 2 probable SHEET BEND and 2 probable SQUARE HEAD radars, 2 vantrailers, and 2 generators.

Also of interest is the Bejucal International Broadcasting Facility, previously reported as Calabazar Communications Receiving Station Under Construction (Figure 5). This facility is

located 4.7 nm southeast of Bejucal at 22-52N 082-20W. It was observed in the initial stages of construction in [REDACTED] and is nearing completion. The primary function of the facility will probably be of a propaganda nature and directed toward Mexico and Central and South America. [REDACTED] 14 HF curtain arrays in various stages of construction were observed. HF communications present consist of RHOMBIC, VEE and HALF WAVE antennas.

### MILITARY ACTIVITY

Two military camps were abandoned during this report period, 2 were newly identified, and an established camp showed a significant increase in armor.

#### ABANDONED

#### NEWLY IDENTIFIED

La Vega Military Camp	Santiago de Cuba Military Camp NW
Tacajo Military Camp	La Quinta Military Camp

La Vega Military Camp was abandoned in [REDACTED] and has shown no activity to date.

The vacating and eventual abandonment of Tacajo Military Camp apparently began in early [REDACTED] all vehicles and equipment had been removed. Only 2 small buildings remained, and the camp was considered to be no longer in use.

The 2 newly identified military camps are both small and contain only a limited amount of equipment. Santiago de Cuba Military Camp NW (located 4.7 nm west-northwest of Santiago de Cuba) was first identified on [REDACTED] and contained 15 cargo trucks, 4 FA pieces, and 3 possible AAA pieces. La Quinta Military Camp (2 nm northwest of Santiago de Cuba) was first detected on [REDACTED] and the equipment present consisted of 18 cargo trucks, 14 FA pieces, 11 AAA pieces, and 10 possible AAA pieces.

On [REDACTED], 6 excavations (2 containing arched-roof structures) were ob-

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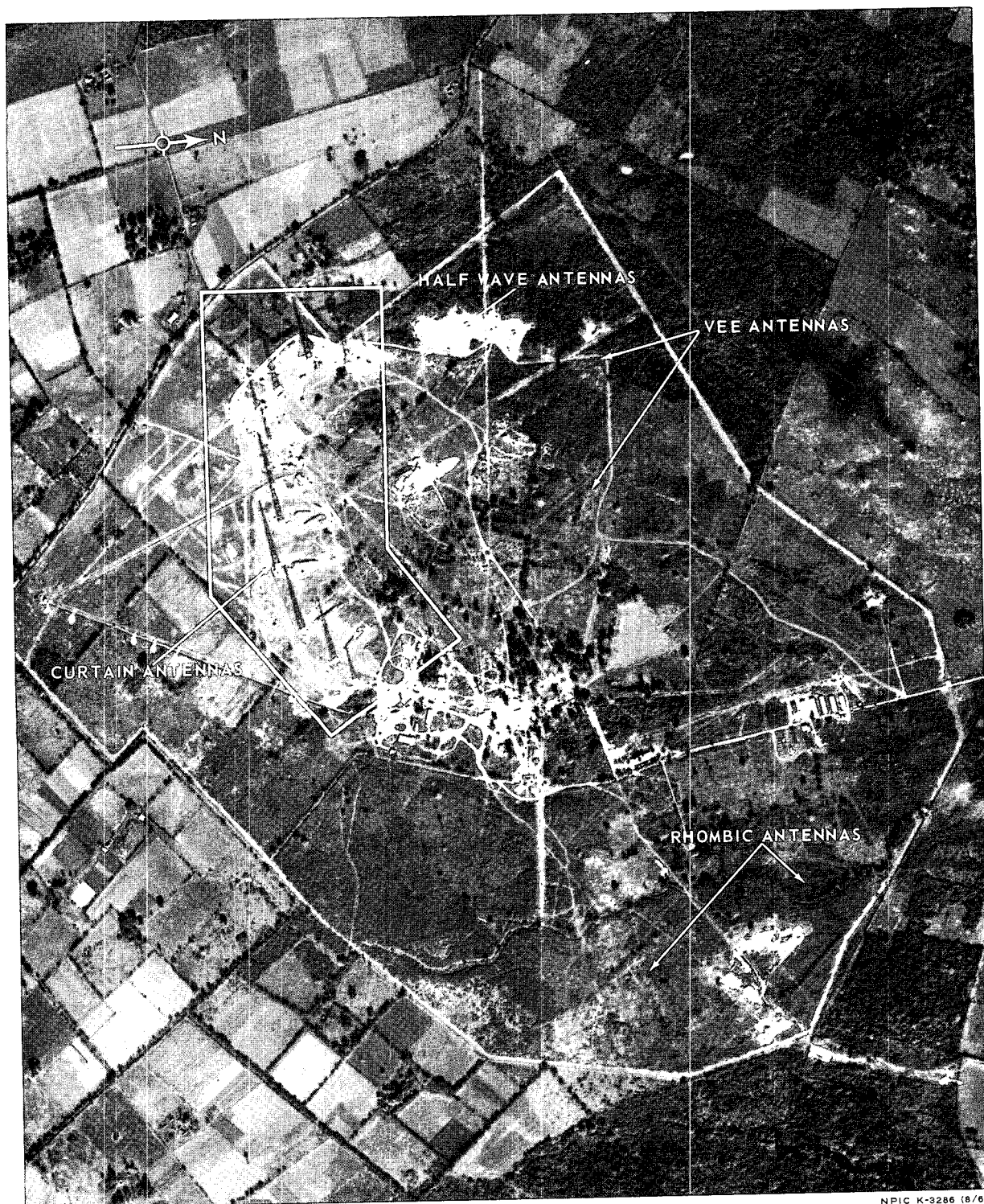


FIGURE 5. BEJUCAL INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING FACILITY, [REDACTED]

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served in Area 4 of the Santa Clara Area Artillery Training Area. By the end of [REDACTED] excavations had been dug, and each contained an arch-roof structure. On [REDACTED], an increase of tanks/SP guns was also noted in Area 4. At this time, 45 tanks/SP guns were observed as opposed to the usual average of 22.

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On [REDACTED] at the San Lorenzo Military Camp (located 2.8 nm southeast of San Lorenzo in Oriente Province) the word VIET-NAM and a pentacle were observed on the ground adjacent to the barracks area. This camp has been in existence since [REDACTED] and was thought to be a road construction camp. No unusual activity or military equipment has been observed since the [REDACTED] report.

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Beginning in [REDACTED] most of the vehicles

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and equipment in the military camps in Oriente Province were removed. The equipment was not observed elsewhere but reappeared in these camps in [REDACTED]

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Additional military associated activity observed in this [REDACTED] period was the appearance of 3 new POL storage areas. These are La Maya [REDACTED], Dos Palmas [REDACTED], and Cuabitas [REDACTED]. All are in late stages of construction.

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