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PREFACE

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1. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR CUEVA DEL CURA, NEW MILITARY CAMP

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201104463 DATE OF INFO: 9 Jul 63 SOURCE STATEMENT:

"On 9 July 1963, sixty militiamen with two bulldozers and one small electric generator moved into the Cueva del Cura area (UTM coordinates LR 875479, AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 II) and the Balcon area (UTM coordinates LR 870487, AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 II), Havana Province. The militiamen told the charcoal-makers, who live and work in the area, to move out of the area within fifteen days, because the area had been declared a military zone."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated reveals no evidence of new military activity in this area. However, source did pinpoint the eastern part of Tapaste Storage Sites.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 II, 3d ed, Sep 62.

2. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR LA CUMBRE, ANTITANK DEFENSES

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201084063 DATE OF INFO: Apr 63 SOURCE STATEMENT:

"The housing in La Cumbre and San Matias areas of Havana City was demolished, and the two areas were converted into two antitank defenses each approximately 800 meters long from (UTM) coordinates LR 64155330 to LR 64805288 and from (UTM) coordinates LR 64005310 to LR 64555255 (AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III), respectively....Source reports there is also a trench approximately 1,000 meters long in the area of the San Matias antitank defenses running parallel to the railroad from approximately (UTM) coordinates LR 63905205 to LR 64305215 (AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III)....''

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated reveals no evidence of antitank defenses in areas described by source. The housing in La Cumbre and San Matias areas of Havana City has not been demolished and no trenches could be observed.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, Nov 62.

3. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR EL CALVARIO, CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

SOURCE DOCUMENTS: DIA 2201085263 and DIA 2201091063 DATE OF INFO: Jun 63 SOURCE STATEMENTS:

(2201085263) "A military installation is located at (UTM coordinates LR 642498, AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III) Havana Province. This camp covers a very large area that extends from El Calvario (UTM coordinates LR 636504, AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III) to the Guanabacoa Aqueduct, Havana City. Twentyfive warehouses, seventy meters long and sixteen meters wide have been constructed as part of a large construction project in this new Camp. The warehouses are constructed of concrete floors and walls and corrugated fibrous concrete roofs. Sixty such warehouses are to be built in this area. The area around and between all the warehouses is to be paved. A circular shaped building with a circular entrance has been constructed for use as an office building. Residents of the 'Parcelacion' Section of Havana City are

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being forced to move in order to make room for this large project."

(2201091063) "The new military installation, bounded by San Francisco de Paula, El Cotorro, El Calvario sections of Havana City to the Havana-Managua Highway, covers an area of approximately twelve hundred acres (Refers to DIA IR: 2201085263). The Cuban Army General Staff ... is located at this camp.... Five hundred Russian and Cuban soldiers and nine hundred and fifty workers are constructing the following facilities at the new camp: warehouses; living quarters; chicken pens; pig sties; agricultural facilities; parking lot for one thousand vehicles; underground gasoline storage tanks; artillery emplacements; radar facilities; an infirmary;

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FIGURE 1. LOCATOR MAPS FOR HAVANA CITY AND HAVANA PROVINCE.

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laboratory; a circular-shaped office building for the general staff headquarters and underground living or storage facilities. In one area of the installation, near the San Francisco de Paula - Calvario Highway, there is a secret project to which only Russian personnel are permitted."

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Aerial photography dated confirms the existence of construction activity located at UTM coordinates 650490. The entire area is fenced and contains a large semicircular building partially enclosing a smaller semicircular building, an additional smaller semicircular building, at least 17 barracks or storage buildings, numerous support buildings, a vehicle maintenance area, and construction material and equipment (Figure 2).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, Nov 62.



FIGURE 2. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY NEAR EL CALVARIO.

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| I | no evidence of a Soviet camp located one-half kilometer north of El Cano. | | 25X1 |
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| | AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, Nov 62. | | 25X1 |
| | 5. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR EL CANO, SOVIET CAMP | | |
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| 25X1 | | firms the existence of a Soviet camp located at UTM coordinates 630404; however, this is a | |
| | | known Soviet camp (Santiago de las Vegas Military Camp) containing a billeting area, vehicle park area, vehicles parked under the | |
| | | trees, and a 6-gun AAA site (Figure 3). | |
| | | MAP REFERENCE: AMS Series E723, Sheet 3784 IV, 4th ed, Nov 62. | |
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| | | 7. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR BAJURAYABO, REINFORCED MILITIA CAMP | |
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| | PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION: | | |
| 25X1 | Aerial photography datedreveals no evidence of military activity at UTM coordi- nates 499460. | | 25X1 |
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| | AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, Nov 62. | | |
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FIGURE 4. BAJURAYABO MILITARY CAMP.

8. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR MANAGUA, RUSSIAN MILITARY INSTALLATION

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201104863 DATE OF INFO: Jul 63 and earlier SOURCE STATEMENT:

"A Russian military installation is located on the La Brigida Farm (UTM coordinates LR

715429, AMS Series E723, Sheet 3784 IV), Havana Province. One hundred and fifty Russian troops are located at this camp, which covers an area of sixty-six acres and was constructed in January 1963. Several different types of radar have been observed within the camp. In the center of the camp is a large radar unit about the size of a small truck. The unit is irregular in shape and is completely covered by canvas. A dish-like object projects from one side of the unit. When a small airplane passed overhead, the whole apparatus began to rotate. Other unidentified radar screens, which are located near the above described unit, protrude from large holes in the ground, which contain the radar electronic systems. The holes are covered by camouflage nets for which stairways have been constructed as entrances. There are many tunnels in the area."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated reveals no military camp at UTM coordinates 715429. Source is probably referring to Managua SAM Site located at UTM coordinates 704435. The irregularly shaped radar is probably the Fan Song radar set located within the guidance area. The other unidentified radar antennae are probably in the 2 net-covered revetments. No tunnels are observed in this area (Figure 5).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3784 IV, 4th ed, Nov 62.

9. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR BAY OF HA-VANA, ANTIAIRCRAFT EMPLACEMENTS



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647581 (Figure 6).

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MAP REFERENCE:

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firms the existence of 3 occupied probable

antiaircraft emplacements at UTM coordinates

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10. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR TIVO-TIVO, MILITARY CAMP

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201090163 DATE OF INFO: Jun 63 SOURCE STATEMENT:

"Thirty-two armored tanks and eighteen quad-mounted machine guns are the only military equipment located in Camp Tivo-Tivo (UTM coordinates LR 868563, AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 II), Havana Province. Four of the quad-mounted machine guns are in emplacements and the other fourteen are covered and stored under the trees...."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated reveals no evidence of a military camp at UTM co25X1



FIGURE 5. MANAGUA SAM SITE.

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ordinates 868563; however, Campo Florido Military Camp is located at UTM coordinates 860570 and contains 15 tanks or SP guns and approximately 15 additional vehicles (Figure 7). MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 II, 3d ed, Sep 62.

11. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR LOS PINOS, MILITIA ENCAMPMENT 25X1

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated reveals 25X1 no evidence of military activity at UTM coordinates 580510.

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FIGURE 6. ESSO STANDARD OIL REFINERY PROBABLE AAA DEFENSE.

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12. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR REPARTO LUMUMBA, MILITARY CAMP

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated reveals an occupied 6-gun AAA site at UTM coordinates 599519. Site contains 3 small buildings and one large non-Soviet-type tent. No tanks were observed in this area (Figure 8).

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FIGURE 7. CAMPO FLORIDO MILITARY CAMP.

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HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR RIO AL-15. MENDARES, ANTIAIRCRAFT HEADQUARTERS

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FIGURE 10. AAA SITES NEAR RIO ALMENDARES.

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Aerial photography dated two 6-gun AAA sites near Rio Almendares. One is at UTM coordinates 562557 and has 4 positions occupied. The other site is at UTM coordinates 565543 and all 6 positions are unoccupied. The entire area contains numerous additional scattered gun positions and foxholes. Existence of an antiaircraft headquarters could not be determined from photography (Figure 10).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, Nov 62.

16. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR GUANABACOA, CUBAN MILITARY INSTALLATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201110963 DATE OF INFO: Early Jul 63 SOURCE STATEMENT:

"A Cuban military installation is being constructed on a farm...having rough terrain at estimated (UTM) coordinates LR 689594 (AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III) near the eastern outskirts of Guanabacoa City, Havana Province.... Informant ... reports that trenches and warehouses or sheds are being constructed at this site, and estimates that one hundred militia personnel are located there."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

confirms Aerial photography dated the existence of construction at UTM coordinates 692594. This area contains 2 storage or barracks-type buildings and an area that has been

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cleared. Construction work has started, but type of construction cannot be determined at this time (Figure 11).

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AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, Nov 62.



FIGURE 11. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY NEAR GUANABACOA.

17. HAVANA PROVINCE, NEAR BACURANAO, CUBAN ARMY CAMP



PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated confirms 25X1 the existence of a military campat UTM coordi-



FIGURE 12. GUANABACOA MILITARY AREA, NEAR BACURANAO.

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nates 705573 and 717572; however, this is a known military camp (Guanabacoa Military Area). This camp contains numerous small barracks-type buildings, prime movers, other vehicles, and FA pieces (Figure 12).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3785 III, 4th ed, Nov 62.

18. HAVANA PROVINCE, ZONE 7, HAVANA CITY, ANTIAIRCRAFT DEFENSE SUPPLY DE-POT



PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated confirms 25X1 the existence of a house with 3 storage-type buildings behind it and a large adjoining parking

buildings behind it and a large adjoining parking lot. No vehicles are observed on the parking lot; however, vehicles have previously been observed parked in this lot many times (Figure 13).

MAP REFERENCE:

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Aerial photography dated ______confirms the existence of a tank center at UTM coordinates 615318; however, this is a known area (Limonar Tank Park) containing numerous buildings and a tank driving range. Although no tanks were observed on this date, up to 32 tanks have been seen on more recent photography. Four small barracks-type buildings are under construction (Figure 15).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3984 IV, 2d ed, Jan 61.

21. MATANZAS PROVINCE, LA JARCIA HILL, MILITARY INSTALLATION

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201075363

DATE OF INFO: Early May 63

SOURCE STATEMENT:

"A military unit of seven hundred men has been installed on La Jarcia Hill (possible UTM coordinates MR 405359, AMS Series E723, Sheet 3884 I), Matanzas Province, about seven and onehalf kilometers south of Matanzas City....Source reports the following equipment and installations in the camp: quad-mount AA machine guns; six armored wheeled vehicles; three ambulances; combat-light arms; a warehouse for war materiel; gasoline tanks; three pumps and water wells."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated reveals no evidence of military activity at UTM coordinates 405359.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3884 I, 1st ed, Jan 61.

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FIGURE 15. LIMONAR TANK PARK.

22. MATANZAS PROVINCE, THE PEREZ FARM, MILITARY INSTALLATION

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201075463 DATE OF INFO: Mid-May 63

SOURCE STATEMENT:

"A military training camp of three thousand permanent and trainee personnel is located on the Perez Farm (UTM coordinates MR 285324, AMS Series E723, Sheet 3884 I). Source reports that there is firing practice every morning in the camp...(and) that there is approximately the

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following equipment in the camp: forty tracked armored vehicles (probably prime movers), ten armored wheeled vehicles (probably APC's), thirty 35 mm artillery pieces, forty quad-mount AA machine guns, infantry rifles and machine guns, ... (and) gasoline is stored at the camp in underground tanks."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated reveals no evidence of military activity at UTM coordinates 285324.

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AMS Series E723, Sheet 3884 I, 1st ed, Jan 61.

23. MATANZAS PROVINCE, HICACO PENIN-SULA, CUBAN MILITIA CAMP

SOURCE DOCUMENT: DIA 2201069363 DATE OF INFO: Apr 63 SOURCE STATEMENT:

"A camp containing 1000 Cuban militiamen has been established on the tip of the Hicaco Peninsula (UTM coordinates MR 870650, AMS Series E723, Sheet 3985 I), Matanzas Province."

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

Aerial photography dated reveals no evidence of a Cuban militia camp at UTM coordinates 870650.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 3985 I, 1st ed, Aug 60.

24. LAS VILLAS PROVINCE, NEAR REME-DIOS, SOVIET CAMP

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION:

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confirms the existence of a Soviet camp; however, this is a known Soviet base (Remedios Main Military Camp) located approximately 2.9 nm southeast of Remedios, UTM coordinates 458837.

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 4283 II, 2d ed, Sep 60.



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| 25X1 | PHOTOGRAPHIC EVALUATION: | | 25 |
| 25X1 [| Aerial photography dated reveals no evidence of military activity at or about Juan Francisco Beach, approximately 2.6 nm east of El Santo, UTM coordinates 397132. | | 25 |
| ľ | MAP REFERENCE: AMS Series E723, Sheet 4284 II, 1st ed, Aug 60. | | |
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| | | Aerial photography dated reveals no evidence of an installation being built between the towns of Paredes and Guasimal; howeverprobably re- ferring to the known Sancti Spiritus SAM Site at UTM coordinates 560109, approximately 3.5 nm northwest of Guasimal. | 2! 2! 2! |
| | | MAP REFERENCE: AMS Series E723, Sheet 4381 III, 1st ed, Mar 62. | |
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Sheet 4977 II, 1st ed.; however, this is a known military area (Area 2 of Alto Cedro Military Camp) (Figure 21).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 5077 III, 1st ed, Jul 60, and AMS Series E723, Sheet 4977 II, 1st ed, Feb 62.

32. ORIENTE PROVINCE, NEAR MOA, ANTI-AIRCRAFT EMPLACEMENT





FIGURE 21. ALTO CEDRO MILITARY CAMP, AREA 2.

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(Figure 24).

MAP REFERENCE:

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the presence of a secured area on a hilltop, prob-

ably storage for industrial explosives, at UTM

coordinates 26237546. The secured area con-

tains 3 small buildings, each approximately

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 $55 \ge 25$ ft, and one approximately $40 \ge 20$ ft. All 4 buildings appear to have thatched roofs. A possible antenna is located at the northeast end of the 55 ≥ 25 ft building (Figure 23).

MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 5277 IV, 1st ed, 60.

34. ORIENTE PROVINCE, NEAR YAMANI-GUEY, INDUSTRIAL EXPLOSIVES STORAGE



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south of the overpass and in a position to control the traffic flow on both highways. The building is approximately 30 x 45 ft. There are 2 cargotype trucks parked at the building (Figure 26). MAP REFERENCE:

AMS Series E723, Sheet 5076 III, 2d AM6, Apr 62.



FIGURE 26. REPORTED SITE OF HIGHWAY CHECKPOINT NORTH OF SANTIAGO DE CUBA.

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