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**Soviet Brigade Activity, Cuba (TSR)**

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### SOVIET BRIGADE ACTIVITY, CUBA (TSR)

1. (TSR) The Soviet brigade in Cuba is currently engaged in field training exercises at two training areas. Major elements of the brigade are at San Pedro Training Area [redacted] and Alquizar Military Training Area [redacted]. Units observed at San Pedro on [redacted] (Figure 1) included a probable headquarters element, a possible field communications site, elements of three motorized rifle battalions, one tank company (ten tanks), and a probable multiple-rocket launcher battalion (18 probable launchers). Elements of the motorized rifle battalions observed included three equipment groupings, each consisting of six possible D-30 howitzers, six possible mortars, and six possible BRDM-2 amphibious armored reconnaissance vehicles. The battalion equates to the table of organization and equipment (TO&E) postulated for motorized rifle battalions assigned to the Soviet brigade. The bivouac area used by the Soviet brigade during August 1978 and again in August 1979 training exercises was again occupied. The area contained 38 probable Soviet medium tents (UST-41), 33 pyramidal tents, seven frame tents, and three other tents. The field training exercise was not present on [redacted]. A Cuban training exercise in this area which began in October 1979 was terminated by [redacted].

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2. (TSR) At Alquizar, a tent camp with five UST-41s, 11 pyramidal tents, and two frame tents was observed. A second smaller tent camp included one frame and three pyramidal tents. The function of this area is probably maintenance. Equipment observed at Alquizar on [redacted] included 21 ZSU-23/4 guns, seven medium tanks, six BMP armored personnel carriers, three probable BRDM-2s, and at least 20 cargo trucks. This equipment has been observed since [redacted].

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3. (TSR) A low level of activity was seen on imagery of [redacted] of Santiago de las Vegas Military Camp 2 [redacted] the home garrison of the Soviet brigade. The only unusual activity observed at Santiago de las Vegas Military Camp 2 was the deployment of two signal vans. The deployment of these two signal vans at las Vegas has only been observed during Soviet exercises at San Pedro. These signal vans probably function as the communications link between the training element at San Pedro and the brigade headquarter at las Vegas.

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4. (TSR) No significant activity was observed at Lourdes Central Sigint Complex [redacted].

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(S) Comments and queries regarding this report are welcome. They may be directed to [redacted] Third World Forces Division, Imagery Exploitation Group, NPIC, [redacted] or green [redacted].

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