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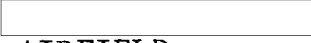
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BEAR DEPLOYMENT
SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD, CUBA



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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: THE PRESENCE OF BEAR AIRCRAFT AND RECENT AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS SUGGEST THAT FUTURE SOVIET BEAR DEPLOYMENTS TO CUBA MAY USE THIS MILITARY AIRFIELD RATHER THAN THE NORMALLY USED JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD



WHICH IS CUBA'S MAIN INTERNATIONAL CIVIL

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AIRFIELD.

2. (S/D) REMARKS: TWO BEAR ARE OBSERVED HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE BEAR ARE PARKED ON TWO HARDSTANDS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE AIRFIELD. THESE HARDSTANDS AND TWO ADJACENT HARDSTANDS WERE RECENTLY EXPANDED TO ACCOMMODATE LARGE BOMBER-SIZED AIRCRAFT. IN ADDITION, A PROBABLE OPERATIONS/CREW READY BUILDING IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR THE DISPERSAL AREA. BEAR WERE LAST SEEN IN CUBA



WHEN ONE BEAR WAS AT JOSE MARTI

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INTERNATIONAL.

3.  COORDINATES 22-52-16N 082-30-33W

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