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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USAF

THROUGH: TALENT Control Officer, USAF

ATTENTION:



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SUBJECT: Suspect Missile Sites in Cuba

REFERENCES:

- (a) Requirement AFCIN-1-61
- (b) Department of State Letter, dated 6 November 1961, Subject: Information From Within Cuba Regarding Alleged Rocket Launching Sites (S)
- (c) NPIC Project JN-320/61

1. This memorandum answers a request for a photographic study of suspect missile sites in Cuba.

2. A study of seven areas produced no positive evidence of missile activity; however, the following installations and activity were observed at the locations indicated.

a. Bejucal (22-55N 82-23W)

(1) A fenced installation at 22-56N 82-24W, one nautical mile (nm) northwest of Bejucal, includes an earth-covered, concrete building and an earth-covered, concrete drive-through structure. The building is 75 by 60 feet and the drive-through structure, 60 by 35 feet. (These and all other measurements given in this memorandum are

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D approximate.) An earth-covered, concrete passageway 15 feet long and  
D 35 feet wide connects the south side of the building to the structure. Two  
D probable ventilators, [REDACTED] project through the roof on the north side  
D of the building. An all-weather, probably loose-surfaced road 20 feet wide  
D serves the installation. The road forms a loop around the building and  
D passes through the drive-through structure. Construction of the fenced  
D installation began in [REDACTED]. The drive-through structure  
D was completed and the building walls were erected in late [REDACTED]. The roof  
D and ventilators were completed by late [REDACTED] and the building was earth  
D covered by [REDACTED]. The fence was erected in [REDACTED]. No change  
D was noted in [REDACTED]. The installation does not appear to be associated  
with missiles, but its function has not been determined.

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1D (2) An installation is under construction at 22-56N 82-23W,  
1D one nm northeast of Bejucal. The installation includes an earth-covered,  
1D doglegged building (75 by 25 feet on a leg), a connected earth-covered  
drive-through structure (55 by 30 feet overall dimensions), a T-shaped  
excavation (bar 120 by 45 feet and stem 100 by 25 feet), and a loop road.  
Construction of the installation began in [REDACTED]. The  
drive-through structure was completed and 75 feet of the building walls  
were erected in late [REDACTED] the building and drive-through  
structure were earth-covered. Road construction was the only activity  
noted in [REDACTED] the T-shaped excavation, just north of the  
doglegged building, and a fence around the installation were started. In  
[REDACTED] an excavation (10-15 feet wide) around the doglegged building was  
observed. Also, construction activity on the T-shaped excavation, fence,  
and the road was continuing. The function of this installation has not been  
determined.

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b. Alacranes (22-46N 81-34W). Probable road construction was  
observed to the south, ending in woods at 22-38N 81-36W; the road is all-  
weather, probably loose-surfaced, 30 feet wide, and 8 nm long, with a  
cleared rectangular area 60 by 40 feet at the end.

c. Matanzas (23-03N 81-35W). Trenches, weapons positions, and  
revetments were observed in the area.

d. Mangos de Baragua (20-27N 75-58W). A possible storage  
installation consisting of 16 buildings and a water tower was observed.

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e. Quibra Hacha (23-00N 82-50W). Construction of field artillery emplacements, anti-aircraft artillery positions, and barracks/support areas was observed in the hills one nm southeast of Quibra Hacha.

f. Rosario Mountains (22-45N 83-25W). Road construction and mining activity were observed in the area.

g. Peninsula de Guanahacabibes (22-00N 84-30W). No installations or construction activity were observed as of [REDACTED]. Adequate coverage of this area since that date is not available. 25X1D

3. Photography from the following Missions was studied for this memorandum.



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