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INFO : CARACAS, MARACAIBO ANALYSIS & DISTRIBUTION BRANCH

FROM : Amconsul PUERTO LA CRUZ

DATE: March 29, 1964

SUBJECT : More Sabotage in Mene Grande Oil Company Field

REF :

A pumping station installation which moves 20,000 barrels of petroleum a day was knocked out by explosive devices the evening of Saturday, March 21, in the Mene Grande Miga field 25 miles south of San Tome in Anzoategui state.

Seven electric motors in the 100-horsepower range and the installations to which they were attached were destroyed causing an estimated loss of \$140,000. The facility was repaired and back in service March 24.

The pumping station was used to repressure and to force crude oil on to the Oficina field in the San Tome area.

Lt. Col. Dionisio Sanchez, Commandant of the National Guard for this district, told the Consulate that no leads on the guilty parties had been turned up as yet.

Tuesday, March 17, in the late afternoon an exploded incendiary bomb was found on top of a 10,000 gallon tank located northeast of San Tome at the Soto Discharge Station No. 10. The bomb failed to ignite the heavy oil.

Mene Grande Oil Company officials, increasingly concerned by the unrelenting campaign of the saboteurs, believe that the police and National Guard will have to organize mobile road blocks if the sabotage is to be controlled and discouraged.

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