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1. Cuba--Political

a.

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[redacted] the Cuban-Soviet economic agreement reached after "laborious" negotiations would mean "decisive aid" but "with severe discipline and greater direction by Soviet technicians." The 1963 trade and credit agreement was finally signed yesterday after three months of talks.

b. We may soon see results of this "direction." Che Guevara, in an article in the regime's theoretical journal, notes that the regime's administration was first marked by administrative "guerrillaism"; the effort to counter this resulted in wasteful "bureaucracy" which adversely affected the "whole institutional life of the nation."

c. He issues the slogan: "War on bureaucracy, limbering up of the state apparatus, production without obstruction, and responsibility for production!"

d. The Chinese Communists, who could use the Soviet Moscow-to-Havana direct flight, made fruitless efforts all during January to arrange a commercial charter flight from Switzerland to Cuba for a plane-load of Chinese.

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e. The press story that two ships loaded with arms left Mariel recently for British Guiana so far appears to be false.

f. Veteran Cuban Communist Blas Roca, in a live broadcast Thursday, held up the Cuban revolution as a shining example for Spain; the "triumph of the Spanish people" would help Cuba, particularly if they would oust the US, the "most inhuman imperialism in history."

2. Cuba--Military

Preliminary readout of yesterday's high-altitude photos of the KHIMIK ZELENSKY shows considerable gear being unloaded and convoyed away: trucks, smaller vehicles, crates of various sizes--none so far of disturbing dimensions. Unloading was still under way at dusk.

3. Spain-France

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4. USSR

a. There are signs that a new series of ICBM test firings from Tyuratam may begin soon. The last, an SS-7, was on 16 December.

b. Our indications are ambiguous; the Soviets could be preparing to test a new nose-cone for the SS-7 (a logical follow-up to last year's nuclear test series) or to resume SS-8 tests. (The SS-8, whose characteristics are not yet clear to us, has a poor history; the last test, on 29 July, failed.)

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5. Iraq

a. An assessment (as of our information at 0330 EST) is attached.

b. Baghdad Radio claimed at 0535 EST this morning that Qasim had been executed by a firing squad.

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c. This was six hours after

[redacted] reporting continued assaults on the barricaded Ministry of Defense. We have no more recent reports of fighting, but skirmishes may continue. [redacted]

d. The new regime's inflammatory calls for reprisals against Communists may bring the latter into the streets, in which case there may be more serious fighting.

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f. The Kuwaitis were among the first in line to recognize the rebels in Iraq, but nonetheless have declared a four-day alert.

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6. Dominican Re-
public

a. Venezuelan

[redacted] several Venezuelans and Dominicans--of unsavory backgrounds--are due in Panama from Miami some time between 6 and 14 February, allegedly in connection with a "conspiracy" against President Betancourt and Dominican President-elect Bosch.

b. Betancourt and other Latin American presidents are scheduled to attend Bosch's inauguration on 27 February. Security--and all other--arrangements for this occasion are at present rudimentary. [redacted]

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NOTES

A. Congo Tshombé flew off to Paris yesterday. The press last night was quoting an unnamed "Tshombé aide" in Angola as saying his tripping is to drum up support for a government-in-exile. However, today in Paris, Tshombé himself declared he was there only for treatment of his ailing eyes and that he would never set up such a government.

B. Togo The atmosphere in and around Togo continues most uneasy. Grunitsky and Meatchi went to Ghana Thursday--for purposes unknown--and Bonito Olympio (son of the assassinated President) is working hard to drum up support for a plan to overthrow the military group which is actually running the show.

C. Yemen The Saudis and the Egyptians are both again raising the ante. Another Egyptian infantry brigade has been ordered to Yemen, bringing Egyptian strength there to about 20,000; the Saudis have sent the Yemeni royalists more arms--at least 2,000 rifles--and have bought more in Pakistan.

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D. Argentina Concern over anticipated extensive Peronist participation in the June general elections has led to new plotting for a coup attempt by civilian "commandos" and a group of retired military officers--

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The Guido government knows that something is up.

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F. India-USSR British and US probes in New Delhi have failed to unearth any basis for a press item claiming the Soviets had offered SAMs as well as MIGs. Nehru, among those probed, knew of no such offer, but said "we are always glad to receive offers."

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H. India The split in the Communist Party should open wider with the resignation of its general secretary, which will probably be announced next week. The "right-wing" faction, which advocates supporting Nehru against the Chinese, will probably provide his successor.

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

I. Assessment of Iraqi situation--information as of 0330 EST.

II. USIA representative in Paris analyzes the current French press.

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