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1. HAD CIRCA TWO AND HALF HOUR MEET WITH SUBJ LATE EVENING 29 FEB. THIS FOLLOWED BY DOUBLE BRUSH MEET LATE EVENING 1 MARCH AT WHICH SUBJ PASSED US AND RCVD BACK DOCUMENT WHICH PHOTOGRAPHED (SEE BELOW).

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2. GENERAL COMMENT: SUBJ CHARACTERIZES PRESENT TRIP AS "MOST INTERESTING TO DATE" FROM POINT OF INTEL. WE BELIEVE CONTINUED DEBRIEFING WILL BEAR THIS OUT. SUBJ GREAT FATIGUE AND INEVITABLE SIDE DISCUSSIONS AFTER RETURN FROM HOMETLAND LIMITED BOTH LENGTH OF MEETING AND BREADTH AND DEPTH OF INITIAL DEBRIEFING. NEVERTHELESS WE ABLE COVER SUBSTANTIAL RANGE OF HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT TOPICS.

3. WISH NOTE THAT SITUATION DESCRIBED BY SUBJ, PER BELOW, ON "INTERNAL ALIGNMENTS, AND EXTERAL ATTITUDE ON "SINO-SOVIET STRUGGLE," IS SUBTLE, NUANCED, COMPLICATED, AND "CUBAN" UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUBJ OWN WELL KNOWN COMPLEXITY OF

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DELIVERY ADDS FURTHER DIMENSION OF DIFFICULTY. CONSIDERABLE FURTHER DEBRIEFING WILL BE NECESSARY TO GET TOPICS IN FULL PERSPECTIVE. NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE ON BASIS INITIAL DEBRIEFING HAVE UNDERSTOOD ESSENCE OF SITUATION SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT INTEL DISSEM. BELIEVE ALSO CONTINUED DEBRIEFING WILL CONFIRM INITIAL IMPRESSION THAT SUBJ HAS SECURED PARTICULARLY VALUABLE INSIGHT INTO TOP LEVEL THINKING SEVERAL IMPORTANT AREAS. WILL MAKE CONTINUED DEBRIEFING TOP PRIORITY CONCERN, BUT UNFORTUNATELY SUBJ MOVEMENT HIGHLY LIMITED BY PRESENCE OF GROUP OF CUBANS FOR WHO AND OTHER MATTERS AND ANOTHER TOP LEVEL GROUP WILL COMMENCE ARRIVING CIRCA MARCH FOR UNCAST CONF. WE HOPE BE ABLE BREAK BACK OF PROBLEM WITH CIRCA SIX - EIGHT HOUR DEBRIEFING SUBJ PROJECTED FOR 7 MARCH IN

4. PERSONAL AND OP HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING AND DEBRIEFING FOLL:

A. PERSONAL RPT PERSONAL: SUBJ IS ELATED BY FACT OF SUCCESSFUL ROUND TRIP, AND OF TREATMENT ACCORDED HIM HAVA. HE HOWEVER IN STATE OF GROSS FATIGUE AND TEARS OF TIREDNESS WERE ROLLING DOWN HIS CHEEKS WHEN WE TERMINATED MEET. WE MAKING STRONGEST EFFORT PERSUADE HIM GET AWAY ON WEEKENDS, SINCE FEAR HE CANNOT GO ON MUCH LONGER AT PRESENT SEVEN DAY WEEK, NO VACATION SCHEDULE. HE HAS AGREED UTILIZE DEBRIEFING TRIP FOR AT LEAST THIRTY-SIX HOUR PERSONAL BREATHER.

B. OPERATIONAL RPT OPERATIONAL: SUBJ ENCOUNTERED UNEXPECTED DRAVE RISK DURING HAVA STAY. CIRCA TEN DAYS AFTER ARRIVAL, E SUDDENLY DENOUNCED AS "COUNTER REVOLUTIONARY" BY FORMER AIDE]

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(SEE [REDACTED] 5462). [REDACTED] WHICH MADE TO [REDACTED], APPARENTLY RESULT [REDACTED] BITTERNESS TOWARDS SUBJ, AGGRAVATED BY RAUL ROA REFUSAL GRANT [REDACTED] DESIRABLE POST FOR WHICH HE REQUESTED BY NAME. EVERYONE FROM ROA ON DOWN RALLIED TO SUBJ, AND [REDACTED] HAS NOT YET COME UP WITH SPECIFIC CHARGES. HOWEVER, VIEW GRAVE NATURE CHARGES AND FACT [REDACTED] MUST BACK THEM UP OR FACE DISMISSAL AND PERHAPS BANISHMENT TO PROVINCES, SUBJ HAS NOT HEARD LAST OF MATTER AND AT LEAST EXPECTS MUST ANSWER SPECIFIC CHARGES, WHEN FORTHCOMING, IN WRITING.

C. THERE NO QUESTION BUT THAT [REDACTED] ACTION NOT RPT NOT REGIME PLOT AGAINST SUBJ. HIS RECALL WAS FOR REASONS STATED BY HAVA IN RECALL CABLE, AND HE GIVEN EXCELLENT TREATMENT. WAS CONSTANTLY CLOSETED WITH ROA, HAD INTERVIEW WITH DORTICOS, AND SPOKE AT SESSION PRESIDED OVER BY DORTICOS AND ATTENDED BY "CHE" GUEVARA, CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ AND ROA, AMONG OTHERS, AT WHICH UNCAST CONF AND RANGE OF CUBAN EXTERNAL TRADE PROBLEMS WAS TOPIC.

D. SUBJ EXCELLENT POSITION MAY HAVE DRASTIC CONSEQUENCES. HE ESTIMATES MAY BE RECALLED AT SOME POINT TO FILL UPPER LEVEL POST, AND PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THIS REGARD VIEW FACT THAT VICE MINISTER OF [REDACTED] ONE OF FOUR VICE MINISTERS, BEING SENT [REDACTED] AS AMBASSADOR AND THIS LEAVING VACANT POST FOR WHICH SUBJ EMINENTLY QUALIFIED. SUBJ AT OP MEETING SERVED LOW KEY BUT EMPHATIC NOTICE HE WILL NOT ACCEPT PCS ASSIGNMENT HAVA "AT ANY PRICE." WE DID NOT DEEM MOMENT SUITABLE FOR DETAILED EXPLORATION WHICH CAN AWAIT TERMINATION PRESSING INTEL DEBRIEFING.

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INTEL DEBRIEFING HIGHLIGHTS FOLL:

A. CASTRO TRIP MOSCOW: TRIP MADE PRIMARILY TO GAIN USSR ECONOMIC AID, SECONDARILY TO SHOW PSP "OLD GUARD" THEY NO LONGER NECESSARY IN CASTRO DEALINGS WITH USSR. SOVIET AID ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN PRESS REPORTS.

B. CUBAN/US RELATIONS AND GUANTANAMO: CASTRO SINCERELY DESIRES NEGOTIATE DETENTE WITH US. CONCERNED PRES JOHNSON WILL NOT FOLLOW KENNEDY COURSE WHICH "MIGHT HAVE LED TO NEGOTIATIONS." KHRUSHCHEV IN MOSCOW CONVINCED CASTRO "CARIBBEAN PEACE" WORKS TO CUBAN ADVANTAGE AND MUST BE STRENGTHENED. IN ADDITION, CASTRO CONVINCED CUBAN PROSPERITY NOT ACHIEVABLE WITH SOV AID ALONE. HE INFURIATED BECAUSE "FISHING BOAT" INCIDENT CONSTITUTED OBSTACLE TO BETTERMENT US CUBAN RELATIONS, BUT PRESTIGE FORCED HIM TAKE SOME ACTION. IN CUTTING GUANTANAMO WATER, APPARENTLY CHOSE ACTION LEAST LIKELY TO ESCALATE. ONE ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED AND ABANDONED WAS FIRING AT "U-2" FLIGHTS, WHICH CUBANS APPARENTLY ABLE TRACK.

C. LATIN AMERICA: CASTRO CONVINCED KHRUSHCHEV WILL NOT SUPPORT REVOLUTION IN LATIN AMERICA, VIEW DESIRE MAINTAIN STATUS QUO WITH ODYCKE. CASTRO HAS TOLD LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS HAVA HE WILL STOP ACTIVITY AGAINST ALL L.A. COUNTRIES IF LATTER WILL RECIPROCATE. ROA BELIEVES THIS SERIOUS OFFER.

D. SO NO SOVIET STRUGGLE: VERY COMPLICATED. EXTERNALLY, IN ESSENCE, CASTRO BELIEVES CHICOMS RIGHT IN CLAIMING USSR BETRAYING ORTHODOX COMMUNIST DOCTRINES, BUT CHICOMS ARE "FARCEURS" WHO HAVE NOTHING SUBSTANTIAL TO OFFER CUBA OR UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD. HENCE FOR PRAGMATIC REASONS CUBA SUPPORTING SOVIET CCOURSE. CHE GUEVARA IS

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STRONGEST "PRO CHINESE." INTERNALLY, FIDELISTAS WHILE COMMITTED MARXISM-LENINISM, DETERMINED IT WILL BE ALONG CUBAN RATHER THAN "RUSSIAN" LINE AND STRUGGLE UNDER WAY ON THIS ISSUE.

E. PSP "OLD GUARD": CASTRO CONVINCED THEY STILL CONSPIRING AGAINST HIM AND THAT CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ IS AND HAS BEEN "ANTI-FIDELISTA" LEADER. CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT AND FURTHER DIMINISH INFLUENCE "OLD GUARD" CURRENTLY UNDER WAY.

F. INTERNAL ECONOMIC: MAJOR PREOCCUPATION OF REGIME, BOTH TO MAINTAIN POPULAR SUPPORT AND TO DEMONSTRATE "INDEPENDENCE FROM RUSSIFICATION," IS TO SATISFY CONSUMER NEEDS AND CATEGORICALLY RESIST CLASSIC EASTERN EUROPEAN PATTERN OF "SACRIFICE TO CONSTRUCT SOCIALISM."

G. UNCTAD AND FORN TRADE: UNABLE DEBRIEF SUBJ THIS TOPIC DUE HIS SUDDEN SUCCUMBING TO FATIGUE AS WE ABOUT COMMENCE. HOWEVER VIA 1 MARCH BRUSH MEETS SECURED AND PHOTOGRAPHED CIRCA HUNDRED PAGE REPORT OF [REDACTED] ON TALKS ON UNCTAD WITH EUROPEAN ORBIT MEMBERS JANUARY 64. POUCHING FILM FRAN 3 MARCH WITH CABLE INSTRUCTIONS EXPEDITE MOVEMENT TO MKTOPAZ, DEVELOP, SEND PRINTS PRIORITY BASIS DIRECTLY TO HQS.

6. POUCHING FURTHER DETAILS PARA FOUR. INTEL CABLES FOLLOW ON PARA FIVE ITEMS. PLS NOTE, INTEND IN FURTHER DEBRIEFING COVER MANY AREAS ASIDE FROM THOSE INCLUDED PARA 5, WHICH ALL THAT TIME PERMITTED.

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CS COMMENT: CABLE IS MORE THAN A YEAR OLD.

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