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ESG 690 COUNTRY: USSR, CUBA

SUBJ: RELAXED ATTITUDE EXHIBITED BY SOVIET AND OTHER ORBIT
 OFFICIALS CONCERNING CURRENT CUBAN CRISIS

DOI: 25 OCTOBER 1962

PADA: ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ [] 26 OCTOBER 1962 APPR: 2 (THAT THE EVENTS
 OCCURRED AS DESCRIBED)

SOURCE: SOVIET BLOC OFFICIAL (B)

1. AT A DINNER PARTY GIVEN ON THE EVENING OF 25 OCTOBER
 BY A SOVIET OFFICIAL ASSIGNED TO A UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY IN
 GENEVA AND ATTENDED BY A NUMBER OF ORBIT OFFICIALS AND THEIR
 WIVES, INCLUDING SOVIET MINISTER NIKOLAY I. MOLYAKOV, THE
 USSR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EUROPEAN OFFICE OF THE
 UNITED NATIONS AT GENEVA, THE ATMOSPHERE WAS RELAXED AND
 ALMOST FESTIVE. MINISTER MOLYAKOV IN PARTICULAR SEEMED MUCH

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MORE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING HIS PERSONAL PLANS, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING OF HIS RESIDENCE, THAN IN CONFERRING WITH THE OTHER ORBIT OFFICIALS PRESENT ABOUT THE CUBAN CRISIS, WHILE NONE OF THE ORBIT OFFICIALS DEMONSTRATED UNUSUAL CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION OR ATTEMPTED TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON POLITICAL MATTERS RATHER THAN ON MUSIC, FOOD AND DRINK.

2. WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION WAS DISCUSSED, IT WAS MOLYAKOV WHO SET FORTH THE MOST POSITIVE VIEWS. HE CHARACTERIZED SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV AS A "VERY WISE MAN" WHO HAD THE CURRENT CUBAN SITUATION WELL IN HAND. MOLYAKOV ADDED THAT KHRUSHCHEV IS AWARE THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY "IS MAD AND AN ADVENTURER" AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT SUCH A MAN MUST NOT BE PERMITTED "TO PULL THE STRINGS" (SOURCE COMMENT: MEANING THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN THE INITIATIVE OR TO CONTROL THE PACE IN THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION). LIKEWISE KHRUSHCHEV UNDERSTANDS THAT THE SOCIALIST CAMP MUST NOT "PLAY KENNEDY'S GAME" AND RESPOND TO AMERICAN ACTIONS IN THE MANNER DESIRED BY KENNEDY. MOLYAKOV REMARKED THAT LENIN HAD STATED THAT THE FIRST REVOLUTIONARY VIRTUE IS PATIENCE.

3. IN COMMENTING FURTHER ON THE REASONS FOR CURRENT U.S. ACTION RE CUBA MOLYAKOV STATED THAT KENNEDY HAD BEEN MOTIVATED BY INTERNAL AMERICAN POLITICAL REASONS (THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS), BY A DESIRE TO INTIMIDATE THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS, AND BY "PURE ADVENTURISM". MOLYAKOV ADDED THAT IF THE PRESENT TRENDS CONTINUED THEN THE CURRENT SITUATION WOULD PROBABLY BE RESOLVED WITHOUT ARMED CONFLICT

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BUT THAT KENNEDY SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT "TO GO TOO FAR"
(SOURCE COMMENT: MOLYAKOV DID NOT ELABORATE ON THE
LATTER PHRASE).

4. AT ONE POINT IN THE CONVERSATION MOLYAKOV
REFERRED TO THE PRESENT CALLUP OF SOVIET ARMED FORCES
RESERVE PERSONNEL, STATING THAT THE RESERVES MUST BE
TOLD THAT IF THE SITUATION CONTINUED AS AT PRESENT, THEN
THEY WOULD NOT BE GOING BACK TO THEIR FAMILIES. (SOURCE
COMMENT: THE LATTER STATEMENT APPEARED TO CONTRADICT
MOLYAKOV'S PREVIOUS STATEMENT - PER PARA 3 ABOVE - TO
THE EFFECT THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION WOULD NOT RESULT
IN ARMED CONFLICT. MOLYAKOV DRANK QUITE HEAVILY DURING
THE EVENING AND IT IS JUDGED THAT THIS LATTER STATEMENT
WAS MADE FOR DRAMATIC EFFECT AND DOES NOT REPRESENT HIS
CURRENT CONVICTION).

5. FIELD DISSEM: AMB ONLY.

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