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1. REFERENCES CROSSED.

2. IN MEANWHILE 21 SEPTEMBER NEW YORK TIMES ARRIVED HERE, FYI 21 SEPTEMBER EDITION OF PRESTIGIOUS MEXICO CITY DAILY "EXCELSIOR" CARRIED SUMMARY OF NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE.

3. ACTUALLY "THE NEWS" VERSION IS THE MORE DAMAGING ONE FROM OPERATIONAL AND LOCAL PUBLIC RELATIONS POINTS OF VIEW BECAUSE OF PHRASE "IN THE COURSE OF THE CIA'S ROUTINE MONITORING OF PHONE CALLS TO AND FROM THE SOVIET AND CUBAN EMBASSIES IN MEXICO CITY." SEE REFERENCE B.

4. AT MISSION COUNCIL MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER AMBASSADOR JOVA ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS THAT ANY QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE ABOVE SHOULD BE ANSWERED WITH <sup>PHRASE</sup>~~PHRASE~~ THAT "WE DO NOT CONFIRM, DENY OR SPECULATE ON STORIES RELATING TO ALLEGED INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES." AT SAME TIME JOVA ASKED POLITICAL SECTION TO SEND MESSAGE TO STATE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING GUIDANCE TO ANSWER

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