

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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TO : DIRECTOR
 FROM : MEXICO CITY
 ACTION: SR 7

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 DIR INFO BUEN CITE MEXI 6814
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 REF DIR 79919

1. SUBJ PHONED [REDACTED] 1 NOV, ARRANGED 4 NOV MEET. SOV QUIZZED SUBJ IN DEPTH RE STATUS REAPPOINTMENT [REDACTED] FORNOFF. SUBJ GAVE STRAIGHT STORY BUT OMITTED MENTION OF FRIENDSHIP WITH PRESIDENT [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] SAID HAD NOT PLANNED ANYTHING FOR SUBJ MEXI SINCE ANTICIPATED SUBJ DEPARTURE [REDACTED] HOWEVER SINCE SUBJ STILL AROUND, ASSIGNED HIM CONTINUE EFFORT AGAINST ANEMB, ALSO GATHER INFO OF POLITICAL CHARACTER NOT APPEARING NEWSPAPERS. MUTALLY AGREED HAVE WEEKLY MEETS MONDAYS, BUT WITH NEXT SESSION 18 NOV.
2. RESULTS BELOW OF SUBJ'S ELICITATION DURING 70 MINUTE SESSION. [REDACTED] APPEARED GIVE STRAIGHTFORWARD REPLIES. NOTE SOV RETURNED FROM USSR 26 OCT, TOLD SUBJ SPENT 18 DAYS AT MID AT INCEPTION LEAVE, 10 DAYS PRIOR DEPARTURE, HAD NOT TALKED WITH ANY FORTIGNARY RE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, "HIS CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN PERSONAL WITH FRIENDS WHO HAD BEEN VARIOUS POSTS AND WHO WERE THEN IN MOSCOW". SINCE SUBJ DA PLS SECURELY DISSEM INFO BELOW.
3. A. RE REF PARA 2 A: K EXPLAINED WHEAT CRISIS AS FOLL: ARABLE LANDS RUSSIA INFERIOR TO EUROPE AND PRODUCE LESS PER HECTARE,

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CRISIS DUE SOLELY BAD CLIMATE CONDITIONS, POVERTY RUSSIAN SOIL SUCH THAT WHEN HARVEST POOR SCARCITY FELT IMMEDIATELY, HARVEST THIS YEAR LESS THEN FIFTY PERCENT NEEDS. K STATED SOVIETS HAD GREAT RESERVES BUT DID NOT TOUCH THEM, OR UTILIZED RESERVES BUT REPLENISHED THEM IMMEDIATELY WITH PURCHASES ABROAD. ANIMAL POPULATION ALSO AFFECTED - HAD TO SACRIFICE FOR LACK FEED BUT USED MEAT TO SUBSTITUTE FOR BREAD SHORTAGE. K SAID BREAD WAS BASIC FOOD OF SOVIETS AND THEY PREFERRED FIFTY PERCENT REDUCTION MEAT RATION TO EQUAL REDUCTION BREAD. NO IMPLICATION BY K THAT SHORTAGE PROVOKED ABSENTEEISM, UNREST OR DIMINUTION INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. K BELIEVED SOVIET WHEAT PURCHASES WOULD NOT GREATLY AFFECT OTHER PURCHASES ABROAD.

B. RE REF PARA 2 E: TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS K DID NOT MENTION OTHER CAUSES THAN WEATHER FOR WHEAT SHORTAGE NOR AFFIX BLAME FOR SHORTAGE ANY INDIVIDUALS.

C. RE REF PARA 2 C: K SAID CP MET ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS. ACCORDING HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE WOULD BE NO EXTRAORDINARY MEETING NEAR FUTURE. POSSIBLE TO CALL SPECIAL MEETING BUT DID NOT THINK WOULD OCCUR.

D. RE REF PARA 2 D: K STATED DIVERGENCIES EXISTED BETWEEN SOVIETS AND CHICOMS, SOVIETS DEPLORED CHICOMS RAISING DISPUTE TO PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL FORUM WHEN SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITHOUT PUBLICITY, BUT CHICOMS KNEW FULL WELL WHAT THEY WERE DOING. MAJOR DIVERGENCENCY IN INTERNATIONAL POLICY WAS THAT SOVIETS DID NOT CARRY REVOLUTION TO OTHER COUNTRIES. SOVIETS INCLINED LEND AID.

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TO ESTABLISHED REVOLUTIONS AS CASE CUBA, BUT NOT INTERVENE BEFORE - PROOF WAS CASTRO REVOLUTION MADE WITH NORTHAMERICAN ARMS. (K APPEARED DISTURBED DISCUSSING SOVIET CHICOM PROBLEM.)

E. RE REF PARA 2 E: K DID NOT SEE GREAT POSSIBILITY BETTER UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE U.S. DID NOT WANT EXTEND COMMERCIAL ACCOMMODATION WHICH REAL BASE MODERN RELATIONS. DIFFICULT BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN SOVIETS AND U.S. IF NO COMMERCIAL OR ECONOMIC AGREEMENT.

F. RE REF PARA 2 F: K SAID CUBA ENJOYED SYMPATHY OF SOVIET PEOPLE WHO RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY WHEN CALLED UPON TO RAISE QUOTA OF PRODUCTION DESTINED CUBA. TO QUESTIONS RE OFFICIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD CUBA K GAVE NO HINTS SOVIET WEARINESS.

G. RE REF PARA 2 J: K SAID THEORETICALLY NO SUCCESSOR TO KHRUSHCHEV, PRESIDUM DETERMINED SUCCESSOR BUT HAD TO CONSULT WITH CP ON CANDIDATE. K KNEW NO ONE UNDER CONSIDERATION SUCCESSOR, GENERALLY CAME FROM BODY OF PRESIDUM BUT THIS NOT OBLIGATORY. K TALKED OF EXISTENCE OF PARTY AND NON-PARTY BLOC OF IMPORTANT PEOPLE WHO WERE CONSULTED ON APPOINTMENTS. (NO NAMES GIVEN.)

H. RE REF PARA 3: K SAID RECENT IMPRESSION SITUATION INSIDE USSR VERY GOOD, PEOPLE ENJOYING LIFE, THEATERS RESTAURANTS FULL.

I. RE REF PARA 4 E: FROM RECENT TALKS MID MOSCOW K BELIEVED NO INCREASE OCCURED PERSONNEL SERVING ABROAD NOR ANY CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION (GIC).

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