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FOLLOWING IS SUBSTANCE CONCLUSIONS DRAFT [] PAPER ON "CUBA AND THE CARIBBEAN" PASSED ORALLY BY [] TO GRAHAM ON 7 APRIL. [] EXPECTS PAPER WILL BE RELEASED BUT STILL UK ONLY AT THIS STAGE. PLEASE HANDLE DISCREETLY.

A. BY NOW, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE DISTINGUISH CASTROISM FROM COMMUNISM; CUBA AN "UNOFFICIAL" MEMBER OF BLOC. [] SAID THIS CONCLUSION MIGHT BE TONED DOWN, BUT IT REPRESENTED [] WORKING LEVEL DRAFT.)

B. CASTRO PROBABLY NOT A COMMIE, BUT CCP HAS SHOWN GREAT SKILL IN GAINING DOMINANT POSITION SINCE REVOLUTION.

C. CASTRO REGIME IN FIRM CONTROL, DESPITE DISAFFECTION MUCH OF MIDDLE CLASS.

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D. "WESTERN" ECONOMIC MEASURES NOT LIKELY HAVE DECISIVE EFFECT IN WEAKENING HOLD OF REGIME.

E. BLOC ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE MAINTENANCE CASTRO REGIME IN POWER; LIKELY PROVIDE ALL ESSENTIAL ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL SUPPORT.

F. CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN CARIBBEAN NOW LESS BLATANT AND PROVOCATIVE; CUBA NOT AN IMMEDIATE THREAT EXCEPT POSSIBLY IN BRITISH GUIANA WHERE JAGAN MIGHT CONCERT WITH CASTRO AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

G. IN LONGER RUN, IF CASTRO SUCCEEDS IN SATISFYING SOME OF BASIC ASPIRATIONS CUBAN LOWER CLASSES, CUBA COULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL EFFECT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

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