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ESG 690 COUNTRY: USSR. CUBA

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

25 OCTOBER 1962 DOI:

GENEVA, 26 OCTOBER 1962 PADA: APPR: 2 (THAT THE EVENTS OCCURRED AS DESCRIBED)

SOURCE: SOVIET BLOC OFFICIAL (B)

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 MINISTER MOLYAKOV IN PARTICULAR SEEMED MUCH ALMOST FESTIVE.

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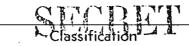
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MORE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING HIS PERSONAL PLANS, INCLUDING THE FURNISHING OF HIS RESIDENCE, THAN IN CONFERRING WITH THE OTHER ORBIT OFFICIALS PRESENT ABOUT THE CUBAN CRISIS. WHILE NONE OF THE ORBIT OFFICIALS DEMONSTRATED UNUSUAL CONCERN ABOUT THE 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 presidnet kennedy must not BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN THE INIATIVE 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.
- 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". ADDED THAT IF THE PRESENT TRENDS CONTINUED THEN THE CURRENT SITUATION WOULD PROBABLY BE RESOLVED WITHOUT ARMED CONFLICT



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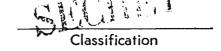
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BUT THAT KENNEDY SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT "TO GO TOO FAR"

(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).
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