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ANTONIO FLORES BENITEZ, LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARY WHO IS WORKING WITH ECHEVERRIA, IN OCTOBER 1962 HAD BEEN GRANTED BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, AND THAT HE (ECHEVERRIA) EXPECTED TO RECEIVE MONEY FROM CUBA SOON BY WAY OF PEDRO MARTINEZ PINOZ, CUBAN DIPLOMAT IN SANTIAGO, CHILE. ECHEVERRIA SAID THAT THE MONEY WAS TO BE GIVEN WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE PCE, AS CASTRO WAS FOLLOWING THE CHINESE RATHER THAN THE SOVIET LINE AND WAS HELPING PEOPLE LIKE ECHEVERRIA WHO WERE ALSO FOLLOWING THE CHINESE LINE. FOR THIS REASON THE NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE PCE, WHO FOLLOW THE SOVIET LINE, COULD NOT BE MADE AWARE OF THE HELP.

3. (FIELD COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE REPORT THAT CUBA IS SUPPLYING FUNDS TO THE NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE PCE AND ECHEVERRIA'S REMARK THAT CUBA HAS APPROVED FUNDS FOR HIS GROUP WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE PCE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CUBA IS FURNISHING ASSISTANCE TO BOTH GROUPS INDEPENDENTLY AND WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE OTHER GROUP WITH THE AIM OF CONTINUING ASSISTANCE TO THE GROUP WHICH FIRST SUCCEEDS IN ESTABLISHING GUERRILLA OPERATIONS. THE CUBANS PROBABLY KNOW THAT BOTH GROUPS ARE COMPETING IN THIS. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT ECHEVERRIA'S COMMENTS ABOUT CUBA'S ACTION IN RELATION TO THE SINO-SOVIET DIFFERENCES WERE EITHER GIVEN TO HIM BY THE CUBANS AS A REASON TO KEEP THE AID SECRET FROM THE NATIONAL LEADERS OF THE PCE OR WERE INVENTED BY HIM TO IMPRESS HIS LISTENER WITH THE NEED FOR SECRECY.)

4. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, AIR, CINCARIB, CINCLANT.

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