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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM : R. E. Hineman
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SUBJECT : Capabilities of Cuban Fighter Aircraft
to Carry Nuclear Weapons

1. The Cuban Air Force is currently equipped with about 78 all-weather MiG-21 fighters, 28 clear-air-mass MiG-21 fighters and eight MiG-21 reconnaissance aircraft. They have recently received 12 MiG-23 aircraft of which two have been identified as multipurpose, two as ground attack and one trainer variant. The other seven remain unidentified.

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2. All of the MiG-21 variants above have the inherent capability to carry a nuclear weapon weighing up to one-half metric ton on each of the two inboard wing pylons and three-fourths of a metric ton on a special fuselage centerline pylon (replacing external fuel tank).

3. All of the MiG-23 variants have the capability to carry a nuclear weapon weighing up to one metric ton on each of two wing-glove pylons, and at least half a metric ton on each of two fuselage pylons.

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