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SUBJECT: MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTIES IN CUBA
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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF CUBA, COLOMBIA,
 ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, AND URUGUAY MET IN HAVANA IN LATE SEPTEMBER
 AND AGREED TO CONVOKE A CONFERENCE OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN AND
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 2 X6 CARIBBEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES IN MAY OR JUNE 1975, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A SECRET PREPARATORY MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 18 REGIONAL PARTIES WILL BE HELD IN HAVANA ON DECEMBER 10 TO PLAN THE AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE, WHICH, AT FIDEL CASTRO'S URGING, WILL HAVE AS ITS THEME "LATIN AMERICAN AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM." ALTHOUGH THOSE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AGREED THAT THEIR IMMEDIATE TASK IS TO ORGANIZE ALL THEIR

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FORCES TO COMBAT US INFLUENCE, THERE WAS SOME DIVERGENCE OF OPINION ON WHO SHOULD BE INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR. THE CUBANS INSISTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO OTHER LEFTIST, NON-COMMUNIST GROUPS BUT THE OTHER REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING PLAN TO INVITE ONLY COMMUNIST PARTIES.

THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS SUPPORTED BY A SPEECH MADE ON OCTOBER 21 BY ARMANDO HART, A MEMBER OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S EIGHT-MAN POLITICAL BUREAU. HART IMPLIED THAT CUBA WAS WILLING TO SERVE AS THE HOST FOR A MEETING OF THE CONTINENT'S MARXIST-LENINISTS AND OTHER LEFTISTS "TO DRAFT AND IMPLEMENT THE POINTS OF A LONG-RANGE REVOLUTIONARY STRATEGY" TO COUNTER AND UNDERMINE US INFLUENCE IN LATIN AMERICA. HIS SPEECH LEFT NO DOUBT THAT DESPITE HAVANA'S INTENTION TO EFFECT A BILATERAL RECONCILIATION WITH THE US, THE CASTRO REGIME WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE ITS LONG-RANGE STRATEGY OF DRIVING A WEDGE BETWEEN THE US AND LATIN AMERICA. EVEN IF THERE IS AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE STATUS QUO BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND HAVANA, THE CUBANS WILL PERSIST IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY THE OAS, FORM A NEW REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES, AND, THROUGH A UNIFIED APPROACH, FORCE THE REGION'S DEMANDS ON THE US. THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SPRING WILL BE A MAJOR STEP IN HAVANA'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THAT UNITY. E2 IMPDET.H

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