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Side A, 0-1/16

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I invited Brzezinski to the dinner on the 8th of November. I didn't get or expect an immediate answer. If we don't hear in a couple of days, call Trudy.

Trudy called on October 16th.
Dr. Brzezinski unfortunately has
previous engagement.
(KKK will tell DCI)

U.S. SPY PLANE TAKES PICTURES OVER CUBA

SR-71 Photographs Soviet Brigade
in First Reconnaissance Flight
Over the Island Since '78

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 6 — The United States sent an SR-71 reconnaissance plane over Cuba yesterday to take pictures of the Soviet combat brigade there, Administration officials disclosed today.

The officials said it was the first flight over Cuba by such planes since November 1978, when President Carter ordered the missions stopped as a gesture of good will to President Fidel Castro.

The plane, which can fly at extremely high altitudes and high speeds, was sent to get more detailed intelligence on the numbers and armament of the Soviet troops in Cuba, the officials said. They said the results of the photographic missions were not yet known. Previous photographs were taken from satellites but the cameras and film in an SR-71 can produce more detailed pictures.

The officials said that more SR-71 flights might be ordered. At the time of President Carter's speech on the Soviet troop issue Monday, a senior Defense Department official told reporters that the flights would be resumed if the Administration thought them necessary.

MIG-23's Spotted in 1978

The SR-71 flights last year brought back pictures of Soviet MIG-23's, the official said. The mission ordered yesterday was evidently to determine whether the Russians had increased their military strength.

Yesterday's flight appeared to be the latest in a series of moves by the Administration to make public its displeasure with the Soviet and Cuban Governments over the presence of Soviet combat troops on the island and the refusal of Moscow to withdraw them.

Within the next 10 days, a marine amphibious unit of 1,600 to 1,800 men supported by artillery, tanks and aircraft is scheduled to go ashore at the United States Naval Base at Guantánamo Bay to demonstrate the marines' ability to reinforce the small garrison there.

The Administration, officials said, may also order the aircraft carrier Forrester and accompanying warships to call at Guantánamo Bay, on Cuba's southeast coast. The carrier is on a training cruise in the Caribbean. The Guantánamo Bay base receives about 100 United States warships a year.

Brown to Inspect Florida Site

In addition, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown is scheduled to visit the naval air station at Key West, Fla., on Monday to look at the site of the headquarters of the Joint Caribbean Task Force announced by President Carter on Monday.

While Mr. Brown often visits American bases, a trip to a headquarters that will be staffed by only 60 people is not ordinarily a task undertaken by the Secretary of Defense and seems intended to underscore the Administration's posture toward Cuba.

Administration officials also disclosed this week that Mr. Brown had blocked the export of sophisticated computer technology to the Soviet Union, even though other officials had recommended approval of the sale.

Officials here have also made known that Mr. Brown intends to visit China to discuss security issues with its leaders at the end of the year. While that trip has been under study for many months, the plan became known while Washington was at odds with Moscow, Peking's archrival, over the question of troops in Cuba.

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