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5. Hilsman Reports:

- a. "Private Statements on the Cuban Crisis by Soviet Bloc Officials - October 23-November 1, 1962"

The recent crisis accentuates the Soviet practice of diplomacy by extreme centralization of decision-making. This was particularly evident by the fact that Soviet diplomats at the UN had to improvise their own public and private responses to the quarantine for at least the first three days. (ER 62-8180)

- b. "Khrushchev Briefs Satellites, Maps Policy Line"

Khrushchev and other leading Soviets conferred in quick succession with Party leaders of Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Bulgaria, and Poland--all obviously concerned with a review of the Soviet posture in the Cuban crisis. (ER 62-8188)

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- c. "The Common Market and the Western European Communist Parties"

Current Soviet activities against the common market have placed major emphasis on the role of Western European Communist parties. There is growing concern in the Soviet Union. (ER 62-8181)

- d. "German-Soviet Agreement on Danube River Traffic Expected"

- e. "Limited Chinese Communist Presence in Cuba"

The number of Chinese Communists in Cuba is relatively small in comparison to the Soviets. While there have been numerous reports of large numbers of Chinese technicians and advisors, few of these appear to be valid. (ER 62-8214)

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