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SUBJECT CONVERSATION BETWEEN FIDEL CASTRO AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF  
COSTA RICAN COMMUNIST PARTY

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SUMMARY: IN A CONVERSATION WITH FIDEL C A S T R O R U Z ON 26 AND 27 OCTOBER 1970, COSTA RICAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PVP) SECRETARY GENERAL MANUEL M O R A VALVERDE WAS TOLD THAT CASTRO WANTED TO EMBARRASS COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT JOSE F I G U E R E S FERRER BY HOLDING THE HIJACKED LACSA PLANE IN CUBA. MORA TOLD THE CUBAN PRIME MINISTER THAT PRESIDENT FIGUERES' STRONG ANTI-CASTRO POSITION IS FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION ONLY, AND THAT

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CASTRO SAID THAT FIGUERES' ANTI-CUBAN STATEMENTS ARE IMPORTANT BECAUSE CASTRO HAS INFORMATION THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARING ANOTHER INVASION, AND, IF ANY INVASION APPEARED IMMINENT, CUBA WOULD ATTACK FIRST AND CONTINUE A WAR UNTIL THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE DRAWN INTO IT.  
END SUMMARY

1. MANUEL MORA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PVP, WENT TO CUBA ON 26 OCTOBER AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA TO ARRANGE THE RETURN OF A HIJACKED LACSA PLANE AND ITS PASSENGERS.

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THE PVP WAS CONSIDERING SENDING A MEMBER OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSION TO DISCUSS PERSONALLY WITH FIDEL CASTRO REPORTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY BASES IN COSTA RICA TO BE USED AGAINST CUBA. MORA RETURNED FROM CUBA ON 27 OCTOBER [Redacted]

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2. CASTRO WAS VERY ABUSIVE IN HIS COMMENTS ABOUT COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT JOSE FIGUERES AND HE TOLD MORA HE PLANNED TO EMBARRASS FIGUERES BY HOLDING THE LACSA PLANE FOR UNNECESSARY REPAIRS. CASTRO TOLD MORA HE WAS GOING TO CHARGE LACSA AT LEAST \$50,000 FOR THE "REPAIRS."

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3. MORA SAID HE TOLD CASTRO THAT PRESIDENT FIGUERES' STRONG ANTI-CUBAN STATEMENTS ARE FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION ONLY, AND THAT FIGUERES' PRIVATE SENTIMENTS ARE VERY DIFFERENT. ACCORDING TO MORA, CASTRO RESPONDED THAT FIGUERES' PUBLIC STATEMENTS ARE INDEED IMPORTANT TO HIM BECAUSE HE BELIEVES THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARING ANOTHER INVASION.

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CASTRO CONTINUED THAT CUBA'S

ATTITUDE TOWARD AN INVASION HAS CHANGED. HE SAID, "WE KNEW THAT SOMETHING WAS BEING BREWED FOR THE BAY OF PIGS AND WAITED FOR THEM TO ATTACK US. TODAY, WE ARE NOT GOING TO WAIT. WE ARE GOING TO ATTACK. WE HAVE SUFFICIENT FORCES, AND WE ARE GOING TO CARRY THE

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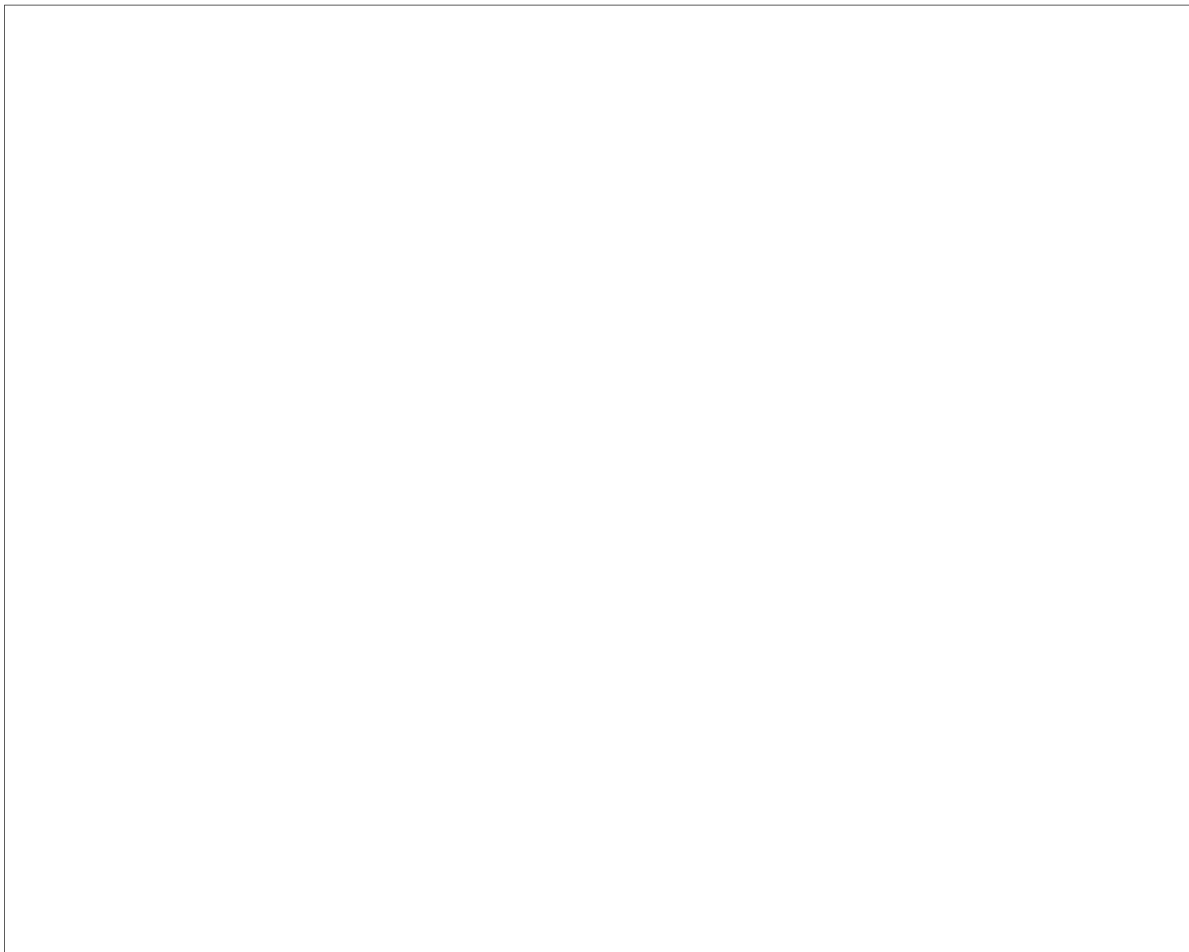


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5. [ ] COMMENT: THE 31 OCTOBER 1970 ISSUE OF THE COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER "LIBERTAD" CARRIED A SHORT ARTICLE ON MORA'S INTERVIEW WITH FIDEL CASTRO. MORA SAID THAT CASTRO TALKED OF AN "INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN" AGAINST THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY DESIGNED TO "CREATE A CLIMATE FAVORABLE TO POSSIBLE AGGRESSION AGAINST (CUBA)." MORA QUOTED CASTRO AS SAYING THAT THE CLIMATE FOR AN ATTACK IS LACKING AND THAT "TO CREATE IT, A CAMPAIGN OF LIES HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN AGAINST CUBA."

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