

CUBA - LATIN AMERICA

- I. Castro regime has taken Cuba almost all the way into Sino-Soviet bloc.
 - A. Over half Cuba's 1961 trade will be with Bloc.
 - B. Bloc military equipment arriving in sizeable quantities-- some 20,000 tons to date.
 - 1. Shipments thus far include helicopters, large quantities rifles and machineguns, some medium tanks, armored personnel carriers, field and AA artillery, and mortars.
 - 2. No hard evidence that MIG aircraft, nuclear weapons, missiles included.
 - 3. More shipments probably en route, but highly unlikely to include latest models of major Soviet military items-- but maybe MIGs.
 - C. In 1960, Cuba established diplomatic relations with all Bloc but East Germany.
 - D. Though resistance growing inside Cuba, opposition not now sufficiently coordinated for successful move.
- II. Castro regime and Castroism a prime bloc instrument for subverting the rest of Latin America.
 - A. In Central America, serious Communist penetration under way in El Salvador and coup threatens in Guatemala.
 - 1. Following coup in October, Salvadoran Communists and pro-Communists won posts in government under military-civilian junta and are permitted free reign outside government.

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2. Communist leaders now in Cuba, for guidance and possibly support.
 3. Communists building mass support in rural areas.
 4. Ydigoras regime in Guatemala weakened by army disaffection highlighted by abortive revolt 13 November and by increased opposition activity.
 5. Though leading dissidents claim to be anti-Communist, Communists are actively seeking to exploit situation and Ydigoras is a leading target for Cuban subversion.
- B. Castroites and Communists responsible for widespread disorders in Venezuela in mid-October and again in late November and early December.