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Cuban Officials Abroad Apparently
Being Recalled for Screening and
Indoctrination

The Castro regime apparently is recalling diplomatic and consular officers to screen them and to prepare for a new concerted propaganda offensive against the United States. Three members of the Cuban Embassy in Brazil are scheduled to leave for Havana this week, according to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], who added that they would remain in Cuba for eight to ten days. The Cuban ambassador in Mexico and the intelligence operative attached to the embassy there were scheduled to return separately to Cuba for "consultations" this month. The Cuban ambassador in Panama left for home on 20 October, but his recall may have been at the request of the Panamanian Government, which has been irritated at his interference in domestic Panamanian affairs. Other Cuban officials abroad, including some in Europe, Asia, and Africa, will probably be recalled for consultation in the coming weeks.

The Castro regime has been embarrassed by a number of de-

fections this year among Cuban officials abroad. Its efforts to prevent further defections were presaged in a 27 September decree removing job tenure rights from foreign service personnel. It is becoming apparent that those officials regarded as "reliable" by the regime for foreign assignment are those who unquestioningly accept and are willing to promote the Communist position on Cuban and international issues. The new Cuban ambassador to France, appointed on 20 October, for instance, has a long record of Communist associations and has frequently been described as a convinced practicing Communist.

