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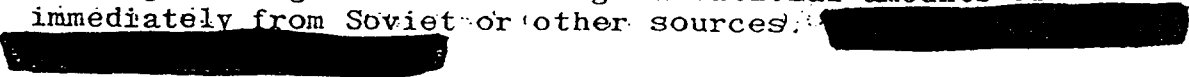
13. Cuban Government Plans Further Involvement of President Eisenhower in Its Anti-US Propaganda: A Cuban Government employee told a usually reliable source on 17 June that the Castro regime is printing hundreds of copies of an old photograph of President Eisenhower in conversation with former Cuban dictator Batista. The photograph, believed to have been taken in 1956, will bear the legend "Eisenhower and Batista during an interview in Puerto Rico on 22 February 1960." It is to be distributed to all Cuban embassies in Latin America for use in Cuba's officially backed anti-US campaign, presumably as "proof" of the US Government's alleged sympathy and aid for Latin American dictators. The source believes that the official responsible for this project may be Miguel A. Duque de Estrada, chief of Latin American affairs in the Cuban Foreign Ministry.

The Cuban Government has frequently resorted to faked or misrepresented photographs in its virulent anti-US propaganda campaign.



14. Foreign Oil Refineries in Cuba Await Government Action: Cuba's three major refineries--Esso, Texaco, and Shell--are still awaiting an official government response to the letters they sent early this month refusing the Castro regime's request that they process Soviet crude oil. The American Embassy has reports that the government is considering seizing one of the companies in the expectation that such action would cause the others to capitulate.

An Esso official expects the government to make it a criminal offense for a refinery to refuse to refine crude offered by the government. In this event, he told an embassy officer, the company would withdraw its remaining American personnel and comply with the government's order, but would stop importing crude from normal sources (Venezuela). The official believes the other companies would follow suit, thus forcing the regime to find large additional amounts of crude immediately from Soviet or other sources.



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