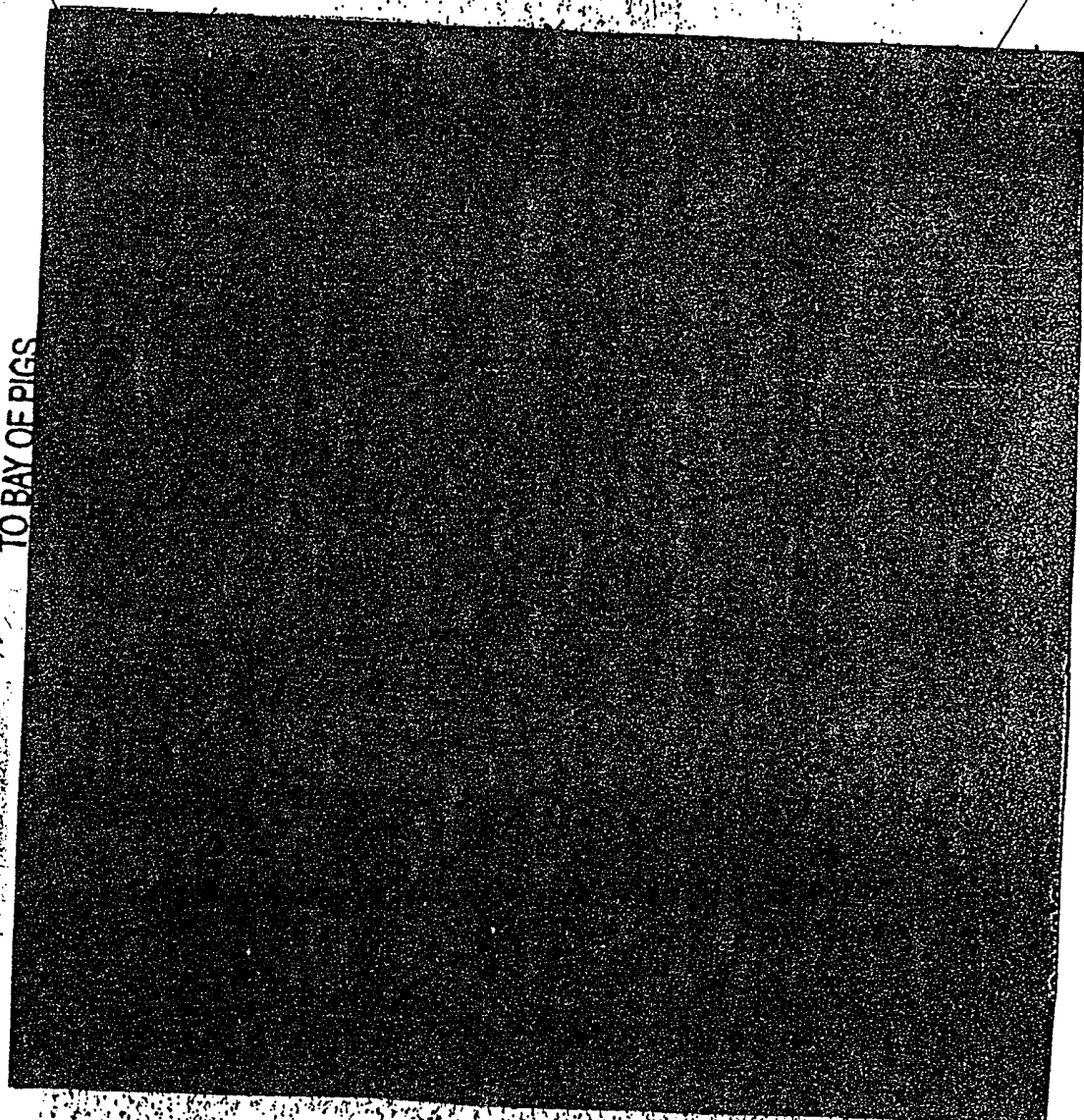


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CUBA AND THE CENTRAL AMERICAN OUTBREAKS

Recent outbreaks in Central America are symptomatic of the acute political and social unrest in Latin America which is being effectively exploited by the Castro regime. The Cuban Government regards itself as the vanguard of the "anti-imperialist" revolution that will

inevitably sweep all Latin America. Cuban subversion ranges from intensive propaganda, supported by a Castro-subsidized world news agency having close working ties with Kimo-Soviet bloc propaganda agencies, to

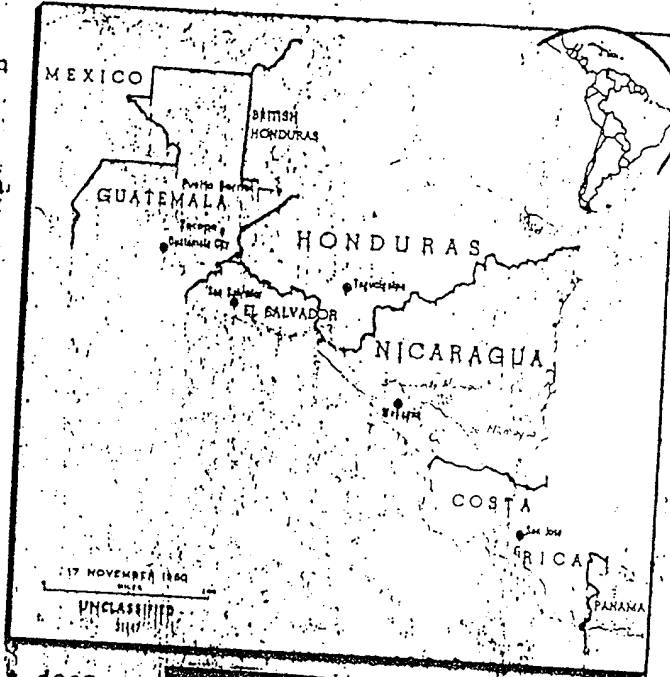
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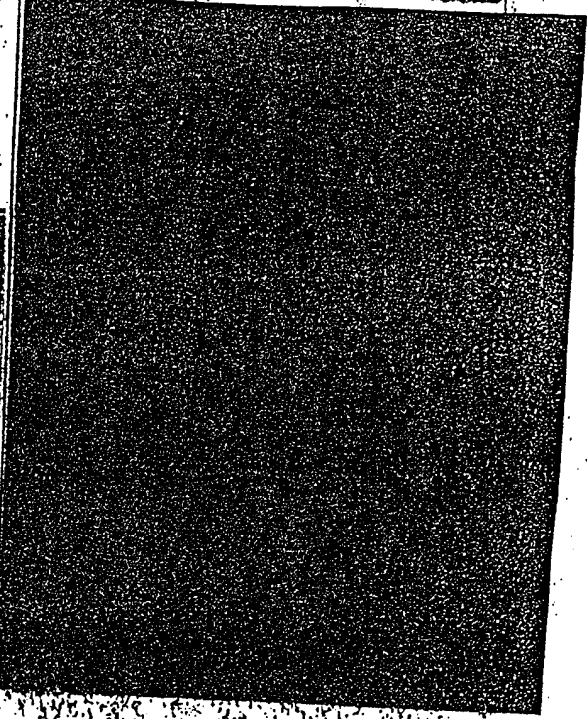
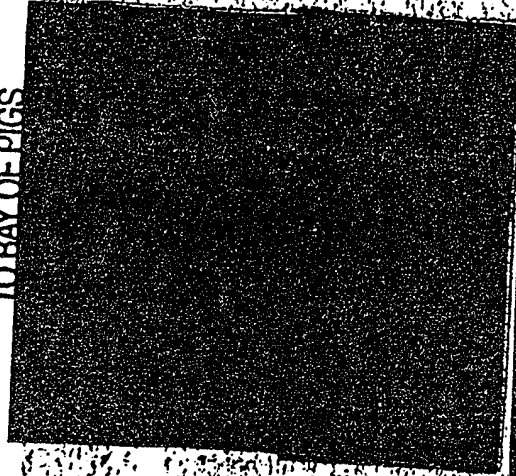
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financial support tendered Communist-oriented student and labor groups by Cuban diplomatic missions. When, as in the case of the unsuccessful Cuban-backed revolution in the Dominican Republic in mid-1959, the Cuban leaders consider a country ripe for revolution, they provide covert military aid and direction to Communist or Communist-controlled revolutionary groups.

While Cuban propaganda and subversion have clearly played a part in contributing to the unrest that led to the recent outbreaks in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, it does not appear that these developments are being closely directed from Cuba. These outbreaks, however, increase the vulnerability of these countries to further Cuban subversion.



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