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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: NSC Meeting (427th), 16 December 1959

1. The following briefings were prepared:

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. Cuba
- c. [REDACTED]
- d. [REDACTED]
- e. [REDACTED]

- 2. [REDACTED]
- 3. [REDACTED]

4. There is no Council meeting scheduled for next week, but two are scheduled for the following week.

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DELETED TEXT  
NOT RELEVANT  
TO BAY OF PIGS

~~SECRET~~

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## CUBA

- I. Cuba actively pursuing neutralist foreign policy and seeking closer ties with Afro-Asian bloc.
- A. Shift toward neutralism began on return of pro-Communist "Che" Guevara in September from 3-month trip to nine Afro-Asian countries and Yugoslavia.
- B. Foreign Minister Raul Roa informed UN General Assembly in September that Cuba regarded US and USSR systems as twin evils and would ally itself with underdeveloped nations of world.
1. Roa planning trip to Cairo in January, which may extend to other Afro-Asian countries.
- C. [REDACTED] indicate Roa's trip may be followed by high-level economic mission and UAR ambassador to Cuba advised [REDACTED] that his suggestion that Raul Castro be invited to UAR considered "great idea" by Roa and Guevara.
- D. UAR ambassador promoting sale to Cuba of Egyptian cotton yarn which Guevara says Castro does not want to buy from US.
- E. Cuba issued public statement suggesting conference of underdeveloped countries for mid-1960 in Havana. Attendance of 28 Afro-Asian and some Latin American nations proposed, but we have no evidence that invitations have been issued.
- [REDACTED]

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II. Cuba ~~may~~ also ~~be~~ drawing closer to Sino-Soviet bloc.

A. Soviet exhibition, which closed in Mexico 15 December,  
to open in Havana in February.

B. Reliable embassy source said 11 December that Roa plans  
visit to Communist China in January.