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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Further Analysis of Bloc and Western Shipping  
Calling at Cuban Ports

1. Attached is a further analysis of the shipping in the Cuban trade requested Friday evening 7 September. We have exhausted presently available sources in this rack-up and have been as responsive to the original request as the data and ingenuity in their interpretation permit. One must infer Soviet beneficial interest in most cases, i.e., from the sequence of ports served by the vessel.

2. I wish to call attention to the classification of the material because we have had a regrettable experience of loss of sources in this area through unbridled use of the material by persons for whom research has been performed. Only last week the Department of State released material prepared by this office and covered by this classification. Said material appeared in part in the Washington Post within 12 hours of the time we gave it to State.

3. As a result of the use — or misuse — of this material, particularly press releases and releases to foreign nationals we have lost, inter alia,

- information on the assignment of specific arms cargoes to individual Soviet ships for specific voyages
- ease of determination of cargo during the transit of the Bosphorus the ships probably carrying arms (the arms carriers have begun to transit in darkness)
- ease in acquisition of Indonesian arms contracts (as a result of State release of the content of the contract to the South East Asia Treaty Organisation on a virtually unclassified basis.)

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4. I recommend that the attached material not be released from its present full classification.

Assistant Director  
Research and Reports

Attachment:  
Analysis of the Shipping in  
the Cuban Trade

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MERCHANT SHIP ARRIVALS IN CUBAN PORTS - JULY AND AUGUST 1962

During July and August 1962, there were 255 arrivals in Cuban ports by Bloc and non-Bloc ships. Of the non-Bloc arrivals, 107 were flying the flags of NATO countries and 56 were flying other non-Bloc flags.\*

Total arrivals for each of the two months are presented in the following tables for both Bloc and non-Bloc ships. In addition, tables are attached showing the distribution of ship arrivals between NATO flag and other non-Bloc flags, and whether they are in Bloc-Cuban trade or non-Bloc-Cuban trade. For non-Bloc ships that either arrived from a Bloc port or were scheduled to load for a Bloc port and for which charter data is not available, that ship is categorized as being in a "beneficial use" status.

\* 1 non-Bloc ship of unknown flag is not included.

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BLCC SHIP ARRIVALS IN CUBA - JULY 1962

Country	Dry Cargo		Tankers		Total	
	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT
USSR	19*	110,065	11**	165,140	26	275,205
Poland	1	3,184			1	3,184
Bulgaria	1	8,779			1	8,779
Czechoslovakia	1	8,887			1	8,887
East Germany	1	6,996			1	6,996
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>137,911</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>165,140</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>303,051</b>

\* Includes 4 arrivals (19,484 GRT) of passenger ships.

\*\* Includes the Artaya (3,331 GRT) which has been transferred to Cuban flag.

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NON-BLOC SHIP ARRIVALS IN CUBAN PORTS - JULY 1962

Country	Dry Cargo		Tankers		Total	
	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT
Belgium	1	7,639			1	7,639
Great Britain	13	93,693	8	114,354	21	213,047
Cuba	8	24,271			8	24,271
Denmark	4	23,996			4	23,996
France	1	5,038			1	5,038
Germany	6	22,667			6	22,667
Greece	19	163,832	4	35,273	23	199,105
Italy	3	21,508			3	21,508
Japan	3	24,527			3	24,527
Lebanon	5	35,022			5	35,022
Liberia	2	18,217			2	18,217
Netherlands	3	13,748			3	13,748
Norway	4	27,175	1	19,999	5	47,174
Panama	1	2,393			1	2,393
Spain	5	39,786			5	39,786
Turkey	1	5,869			1	5,869
Yugoslavia			2	21,088	2	21,088
Total	79	534,381	15	190,714	94	725,095

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NON-BLOC ARRIVALS IN GREAT BRITAIN - JULY 1962  
(By Cargo)

	Classified by			Non-Bloc Trade			Total
	Gov.	Int.	China	Not Classified but of	Gov.	Int.	
				Material Due to			
				Inspection			
<u>NAVO FLAG</u>							
Belgium	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
British	2	-	5	2	-	-	9
Danish	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
French	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Greek	2	2	10	-	-	1	15
Italian	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Norwegian	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Turkish	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
W. German	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Subtotal	7	3	18	3	2	1	34
							21
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NON-BLOC ARRIVALS IN CUBAN PORTS - JULY 1962  
(Dry Cargo) (continued)

NON-BLOC FLAG	Chartered by			bloc Cuban Trade			Total Bloc Involved	Non-Bloc-Cuban Trade		Total
	SOV.	Lat. China	China	Not Chartered but of Beneficial Use to	SOV.	Lat. China		SOV.	Lat. China	
Cuban	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	8	
Japanese	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	
Laotian	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	5	
Liberian	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	
Panamanian	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	
Spanish	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	5	
Subtotal	3	-	-	-	-	-	7	17	24	
Grand total	10	3	18	3	2	1	42	38	79	

\*Arrived from or departed for bloc port but charter status unknown.

BLG SHIP ARRIVALS IN CUBA - AUGUST 1962

<u>Country</u>	<u>Dry Cargo</u>		<u>Tankers</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Number of Ships</u>	<u>GRT</u>	<u>Number of Ships</u>	<u>GRT</u>	<u>Number of Ships</u>	<u>GRT</u>
USSR	43*	326,594	15	224,306	58	550,900
Poland	1	7,697			1	7,697
Bulgaria			1	10,098	1	10,098
East Germany	1	9,659			1	9,659
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>343,950</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>234,404</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>578,436</b>

\* Includes 7 arrivals (50,670 GRT) of passenger ships.

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REG-BLDC SHIP ARRIVALS IN CUBAN PORTS - AUGUST 1962

Country	Dry Cargo		Tankers		Total	
	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT	Number of Ships	GRT
Great Britain	3	21,004	2	26,443	5	47,447
Chile	1	6,232			1	6,232
Cuba	6	17,716			6	17,716
Denmark	3	12,676			3	12,676
Finland	1	7,820			1	7,820
Greece	7	57,032	4	45,738	11	102,770
Italy	3	19,740	1	12,982	4	32,722
Japan	3	22,741			3	22,741
Lebanon	5	35,361			5	35,361
Liberia	1	6,203			1	6,203
Morocco	1	8,748			1	8,748
Netherlands	1	9,105			1	9,105
Norway	5	23,918	2	16,200	7	40,118
Panama	1	7,243			1	7,243
Spain	2	11,271			2	11,271
Sweden	4	13,250			4	13,250
West Germany	8	61,042			8	61,042
Yugoslavia	5	36,007			5	36,007
Unidentified	1	?			1	?
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>355,089</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>101,363</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>456,452</b>

NON-BLOC DRY CARGO SHIP ARRIVALS IN CUBA - AUGUST 1962

NATO FLAG	Chartered by		Bloc Cuban Trade		Total Bloc Involved	Non-Bloc-Cuban Trade		Total
	Sov. Bnt.	China	Hot Chartered but of Beneficial Use to	Sov. Bnt. China				
British	1	1	-	-	2	1	3	
Denish	-	1	-	-	1	2	3	
Greek	3	1	1	1	6	1	7	
Italian	-	-	1	-	1	2	3	
Dutch	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	
West German	4	2	-	-	6	2	8	
Norwegian	1	2	-	-	3	2	5	
Subtotal	9	7	2	1	20	10	30	
<u>Non-NATO Flag</u>								
Chilean	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Cuban	-	-	-	-	2	4	6	
Finnish	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	

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**NON-BLOC DRY CARGO SHIP ARRIVALS IN CHINA - AUGUST 1962**

	Chartered by		Bloc Cuban Trade		Total Bloc Involved	Non-Bloc-Cuban Trade		Total
	Gov.	Ent.	Gov.	Ent.		Gov.	Ent.	
Subtotal					15		17	30
<u>NAVO Flagged</u>								
USSR	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
British	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Danish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Danish total	11	1	8	1	10	1	2	3
Greek	3	-	1	1	2	1	2	6
Italian arrived from a bloc port or destined for a bloc port, charter status unknown.							2	2
Dutch	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
West German	4	-	2	-	-	-	2	6
Norwegian	1	-	2	-	-	-	2	3
Subtotal	9	1	7	2	20	10	10	30
<u>Non-NAVO Flag</u>								
Chilean	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cuban	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Finnish	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

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NON-BLOC TANKER ARRIVALS IN CUBAN PORTS - JULY AND AUGUST 1962

	<u>Under Soviet Charter</u>	<u>Non-Bloc Trade*</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>JULY</u>			
<u>NATO Flag</u>			
British	6	2	8
Greek	2	2	4
Norwegian	-	1	1
	-	-	-
Subtotal	8	5	13
<u>Non-NATO Flag</u>			
Yugoslavian	1	1	2
	-	-	-
Total July	9	6	15
<u>AUGUST</u>			
<u>NATO Flag</u>			
Italian	-	1	1
British	2	-	2
Greek	3	1	4
Norwegian	2	-	2
	-	-	-
Subtotal	7	2	9
<u>Non-NATO Flag</u>			
None	-	-	-
Total August	7	2	9

\* Engaged in carrying molasses to Free World.