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TO: **CAPTAIN SHEPHERD EYES ONLY FOR THE PRESIDENT**

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1. USSR-CUBA:

A. THE SOVIETS ARE OBVIOUSLY IN A HURRY TO GET THEIR MISSILES OUT; WE WOULD SUPPOSE THEY HOPE TO GET MOST OF THEM WELL ON THEIR WAY HOME BEFORE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSPECTION ARE MADE.

B. PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS THAT AT LEAST HALF THE NUMBER OF MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND LAUNCHERS PREVIOUSLY SEEN AT THE MRBM SITES AND ALL SIX KNOWN IRBM LAUNCH RINGS ARE NOW AT DOCKSIDE AT MARIEL, ISABELA, AND CASILDA (PORT FOR TRINIDAD ON THE SOUTH COAST). WE HAVE NOTED NO SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WHICH ONE WOULD EXPECT IF NUCLEAR WARHEADS OR NOSECONES WERE AMONG THE EQUIPMENT READY FOR LOADING.

C. OUR PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS TWELVE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AT CASILDA. THIS WAS NOT IDENTIFIED AS A PORT OF ENTRY AND IS NOT A LOGICAL PLACE FOR THE DEPARTURE OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE KNOWN SITES.

D. THIS COULD, HOWEVER, BE EQUIPMENT FROM SAGUA LA GRANDE (ACCOUNTING FOR REPORTS OF MOVEMENT "TOWARD THE MOUNTAINS"). IT COULD ALSO CONCEIVABLY BE FROM A NEW SITE NOT FAR ENOUGH ALONG TO BE DETECTED FROM PHOTOGRAPHY.

E. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF YESTERDAY'S PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS NINE OF THE ELEVEN MRBM MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AT MARIEL PORT HAVE NOW BEEN LOADED ABOARD SOVIET SHIPS, AND ONE SHIP IS APPARENTLY LEAVING PORT.

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F. KUZNETSOV TOLD AMBASSADOR STEVENSON LAST NIGHT THAT THE SCHEDULE ENVISAGED THE DEPARTURE OF ONE VESSEL YESTERDAY AND EIGHT TODAY.

G. EVIDENTLY THE SOVIETS WILL NOT WAIT FOR SHIPS WITH OUTSIZED HATCHES (NONE ARE IN CUBAN WATERS), BUT WILL TRANSPORT THEM ABOVE DECK. NONETHELESS, AT LEAST TWO OF THE SOVIET "CARGO-HATCH" VESSELS ARE NOW EN ROUTE BACK TO CUBA.

H. ALL SOVIET SHIPS BOUND FOR CUBA, KUZNETSOV SAID, WOULD USE THE NORTHERN ROUTE "ALTHOUGH THE SOUTHERN ROUTE MIGHT BE USED AFTER NEXT MONDAY." PRESUMABLY THIS IS A REFERENCE TO CASILDA.

I. THE USSR, KUZNETSOV SAID, WILL NOT WITHDRAW THE IL-28'S. READING CAREFULLY FROM A PREPARED TEXT, HE SAID THIS IS A NEW AND EXTRANEIOUS ISSUE, NOT COVERED BY THE AGREEMENTS, WHICH WE ARE RAISING TO "OBSTRUCT NEGOTIATIONS."

J. THESE AIRCRAFT, HE SAID, ARE "OBSOLETE"; FOR COASTAL DEFENSE ONLY; NOT POSSIBLY OFFENSIVE.

K. [redacted] IL-28'S [redacted] 50X1
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[redacted] ARE STILL CRATED AT 50X1
HOLGUIN AIRFILED IN ORIENTE PROVINCE.

L. [redacted] MORE CRATES ON THEIR WAY 50X1
TO SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD. [redacted] 50X1
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M. [REDACTED] SOVIET HELICOPTERS

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IN CUBA. MANY ARE STILL CRATED AT AN AIRFIELD WEST OF HAVANA. WHEN OPERATIONAL THEY WILL GREATLY IMPROVE CASTRO'S CAPABILITY FOR COPING WITH INSURGENTS.

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O. SOVIET PRESIDUM MEMBER AND FIRST DEPUTY PREMIER KOSYGIN DELIVERS THE MAIN SPEECH TODAY AT THE KREMLIN'S OBSERVANCE OF THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION. AN ADVANCE RELEASE OF HIS TEXT SHOWS HE WILL PRESS THE LINE THAT SOVIET ACTION IN THE CUBAN CRISIS PRESERVED PEACE. HE SAYS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S "SOLEMN DECLARATION" THAT THERE WOULD BE NO INVASION OF CUBA MADE IT POSSIBLE TO WITHDRAW THE MISSILES SINCE THE PRESENCE OF THESE WEAPONS HAD NOW "LOST ITS PURPOSE."

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2. EAST GERMANY - BERLIN:

A. EAST GERMAN PARTY PROPAGANDA DIRECTIVES AND PUBLISHED COMMENTARY HAVE ALL BUT DROPPED THE PEACE TREATY ISSUE SINCE EARLY OCTOBER, WHEN A PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM WAS HELD.

B. SINCE THAT TIME, FOR EXAMPLE, THE PARTY SHEET NEUES DEUTSCHLAND HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY FREE OF ITS TYPICAL THREATENING ARTICLES ABOUT A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY. WE HAVE ALSO NOTED A GROWING FEELING AMONG MIDDLE-LEVEL FUNCTIONARIES THAT THE CUBAN CRISIS WOULD POSTPONE ACTION ON THE BERLIN ISSUE.

C. ULBRICHT, WHO HAS BEEN IN MOSCOW THESE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, HAS ALMOST CERTAINLY DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH KHRUSHCHEV, AND SOME NEW STATEMENT MAY BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

D. KOSYGIN'S SPEECH MAKES NO MENTION OF A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH EAST GERMANY. HE PAYS ONLY LIP SERVICE TO THE GERMAN PROBLEM, WHICH HE PASSED OFF WITH THE STANDARD REMARK THAT ITS SOLUTION IS THE KEY TO A STABLE PEACE IN EUROPE.

E. [REDACTED] PROPAGANDISTS ARE LOSING CONTROL OF PUBLIC MEETINGS--OUTSPOKEN UNDERSTANDING FOR OUR ACTION IN THE CUBAN CRISIS IS THROWING THEM FOR A LOSS. [REDACTED]

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3. TEST-BAN NEGOTIATIONS:

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PLANNING A NEW INITIATIVE ON THE TEST-BAN ISSUE.

B. THE GIST IS THAT SINCE THERE CAN BE NO AGREEMENT ON INSPECTION OF UNDERGROUND TESTS IT SHOULD BE DROPPED. IN ITS PLACE, ALL STATES WILL AGREE TO NOTIFY AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY, SUCH AS THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION, OF ALL THEIR SEISMOGRAPHIC OBSERVATIONS.

C. SHOULD THE ORGANIZATION'S EXPERTS CONCLUDE THAT IN SOME CASE THE NATURE OF THE SHOCK CANNOT BE DETERMINED BEYOND ALL QUESTION, THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION SHOULD BE INVITED TO GIVE COMMENT AND, IF NECESSARY, GIVE PERMISSION FOR AN EXAMINATION ON THE SPOT.

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4. USSR TEST SERIES:

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B. THE SOVIETS HAD ANNOUNCED THAT THE NOVAYA ZEMLYA AREA WOULD BE CLOSED TO SHIPPING UNTIL 10 NOVEMBER, AND THERE MAY STILL BE SOME TESTING THERE--PERHAPS USING MISSILES---IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

C. TESTING AT SEMIPALATINSK MAY GO ON BEYOND 10 NOVEMBER.

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5. INDIAN BORDER:

A. INDIA HAS ABNADONED ITS FORT AT DAULET BEG OLDI IN LADAKH, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES. BY DOING SO, THE INDIANS HAVE VIRTUALLY CONCEDED CONTROL OF STRATEGIC KARAKORAM PASS.

B. MEMBERS OF THE PRO-COMMUNIST FACTION IN THE INDIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERSHIP HAVE RESIGNED FROM THE PARTY'S TOP POLICY-MAKING BODY BECAUSE OF THE PARTY'S STRONG CONDEMNATION OF CHINA'S ACTION.

C. AYUB'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD WELCOME SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA ON KASHMIR IN EFFECT SETS THIS AS A CONDITION FOR PAKISTAN'S COOPERATION.

D. ALL IN ALL, HIS STATEMENT WAS SOMETHING LESS THAN NO HELP. HE BELITTLED THE SCOPE OF THE CONFLICT, RENEWED CHARGES OF INDIAN INTRANSIGENCE OVER KASHMIR, AND VOICED THE SUSPICION THAT WESTERN AID TO INDIA WOULD BE USED AGAINST HIS COUNTRY.

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E. MOSCOW YESTERDAY BACKED AWAY FROM ITS EARLIER SUPPORT FOR CHINA IN THE DISPUTE. A PRAVDA ARTICLE URGES BOTH SIDES TO NEGOTIATE THE MATTER WITHOUT SETTING PRECONDITIONS, AND FAILS THIS TIME TO ENDORSE CHINA'S PROPOSAL FOR TALKS AS IT HAD DONE EARLIER.

6. BULGARIA:

A. PARTY BOSS ZHIVKOV OPENED HIS PARTY CONGRESS YESTERDAY BY ANNOUNCING THAT PREMIER YUGOV AND FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER TSANKOV (BOTH POLITBURO MEMBERS) HAVE BEEN BOUNCED FROM BOTH THEIR PARTY AND THEIR GOVERNMENT JOBS.

B. BOTH WERE ACTIVE IN STALINIST PURGE TRIALS IN 1949; YUGOV, HAVING THEN BEEN INTERIOR MINISTER. OTHER TOP INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS, SIMILARLY TAINTED, HAVE ALSO BEEN DROPPED.

C. [REDACTED] ZHIVKOV HAS BEEN WANTING TO GET RID OF YUGOV FOR SOME TIME BUT KEPT GETTING PUT OFF BY MOSCOW. THIS WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE YUGOV IS A FORCEFUL AND EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR--WHICH ZHIVKOV IS NOT.

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D. ZHIVKOV WILL PROBABLY ASSUME THE PREMIERSHIP.

7. NOTE:

CANADA: THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED THAT UNTIL THE SINO-INDIAN BORDER DISPUTE IS SETTLED CANADA WILL ALLOW NO EXPORTS TO CHINA EXCEPT WHEAT.

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