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To: The Secretary
From: ARA - William D. Rogers

Cuba

There are recent Cuban developments you should know about:

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1. Deputy Prime Minister Carlos Rafael Rodriguez has told Le Monde (Tab A):

- that there is "no revolutionary process in Latin America leading to any great changes similar to those which have taken place in Cuba...";
- that the lifting of the blockade is an essential first step to US-Cuban normalization, but that this "could comprise various phases and assume various forms..." and
- that at Quito the U.S. "eschewed its historic responsibility by abstaining, thus avoiding giving an impression that it was trying to exert pressure..." We thought there were 14 votes, he says; the U.S. "would have preferred to see the Latin American countries compel the U.S. to change its attitude toward Cuba..."

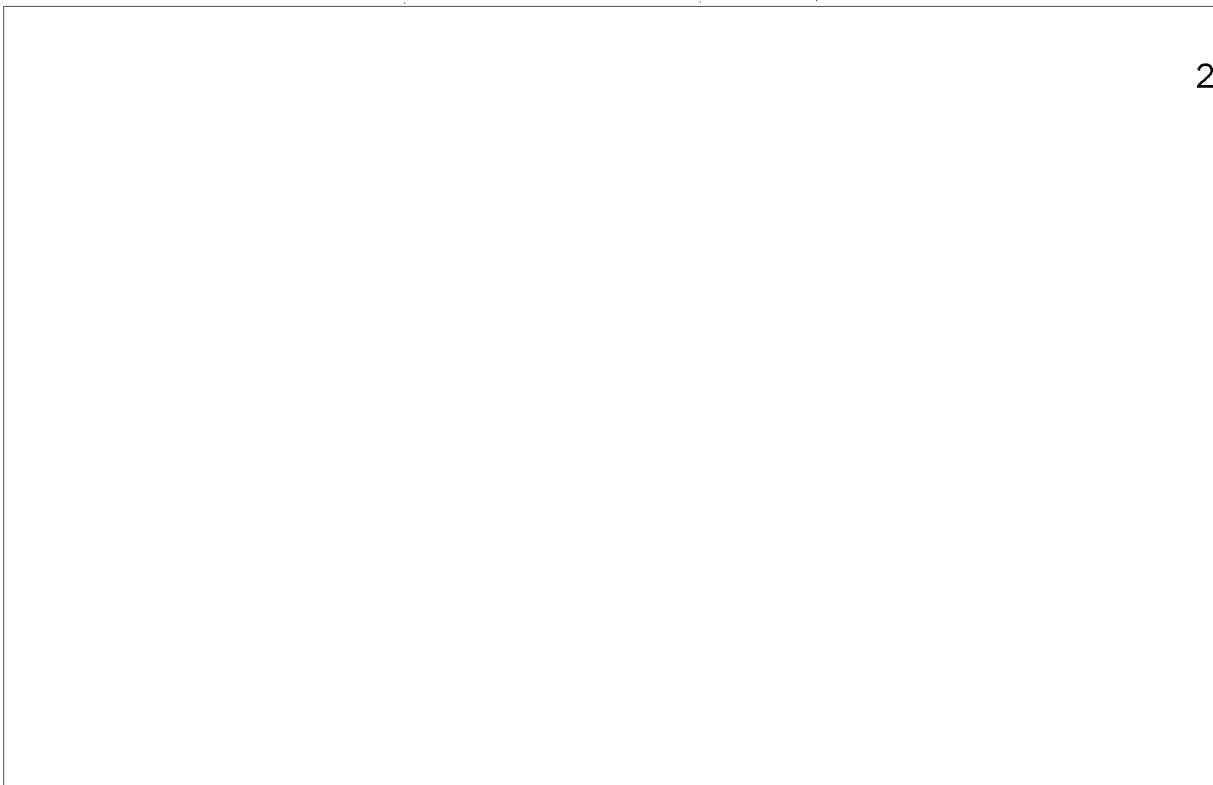
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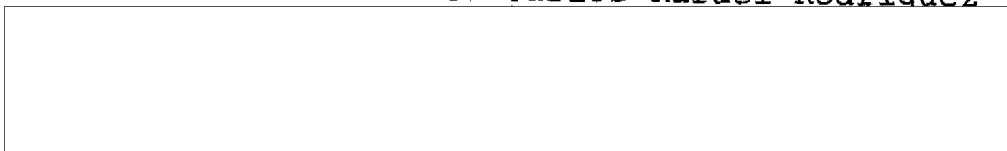
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Attachments:

Tab A - Le Monde interview with Cuban Deputy
Prime Minister Carlos Rafael Rodriguez



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