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STATUS OF SOVIET/BOYLET COMMUNICATIONS AS OF 22 NOVEMBER 1963

PART I A: SOVIET MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND HAVANA

The Soviet [redacted] EXEMPT
Moscow and Havana continues to be active in [redacted]
[redacted] EXEMPT as late as 25 November 1963. Operator chatter
[redacted] was noted on 20 November. The last
time this chatter was observed was [redacted] EXEMPT

PART I B: SOVIET COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN CUBA

Since 12 November 1963 [redacted] EXEMPT
Soviet/Cuban communications activities have been noted. The first
attempt was made on the [redacted] link between [redacted]
[redacted] EXEMPT occasion, an activity utilizing [redacted] EXEMPT
[redacted] EXEMPT and queried him [redacted] and
whether there was any traffic for him. A conversation of approxi-
mately [redacted] EXEMPT contained repeated queries as to the
[redacted] EXEMPT

Later the same day a possible second attempt of the same type
was made. This time, the link [redacted]
[redacted] EXEMPT Again the Soviet perturbed the conver-
sation without divulging any information. [redacted] EXEMPT

On 15 November, an attempt was made [redacted] EXEMPT
[redacted] of the Soviet Naval network in
Cuba. At [redacted] the station made a collective call utilizing the
[redacted] EXEMPT. However, the attempt was abortive as
a result of [redacted] EXEMPT
[redacted] EXEMPT

News of the death of President KENNEDY was noted on the Naval
net on 23 November. Operator chatter messages were noted, which
asked for details of the assassination. The only details men-
tioned were that "Yesterday in Dallas he was shot by a sniper
with a large calibre (rifle) [redacted] EXEMPT. He died."

During the past week [redacted] EXEMPT Soviet Forces Cuba [redacted] EXEMPT
[redacted] EXEMPT They were as follows [redacted] EXEMPT

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210 EXEMPT 406-61

[REDACTED]

EXEMPT

as first heard on 27 November. The
this [REDACTED] link is unbroken. Soviet activity was noted
as late as 23 November on Cuban facilities and
27 November on Soviet facilities.

PART I: [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] COMMUNICATIONS

The subscriber to the Soviet Foreign Office (SFC) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] continues
to be inactive in [REDACTED] communications as of 27 November. The
station was last noted active on [REDACTED] It is possible
that the [REDACTED] link between

[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] OF THE USA

[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] subscribers to the [REDACTED] EXEMPT
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] reappeared [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] on 21 November
1963. The stations [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] have been heard in [REDACTED] EXEMPT
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] since [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] communications
No explanation can be offered at this time for these periods of
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] inactivity.

The Soviet Forces [REDACTED] reporting groups continue to
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] (para 2/0, [REDACTED] 203-63) as
of 27 November 1963.

[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] between [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED]
Los Angeles revealed that some Soviet personnel would arrive
in Cuba about 20 November [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] total number of [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] personnel involved [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] of the individuals [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED]
communications in Cuba.

[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED] sponsor of the [REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EXEMPT [REDACTED]

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2/0 EXEMPT R66-63

Also discussed was the arrival of aircraft from the Soviet Union [redacted] which arrived at Havana on 08 October. A [redacted] did arrive in Cuba on 08 October and two [redacted] did arrive Cuba on 11 October. In addition to [redacted]

[redacted] There are no Soviet SALT installations near any of these locations.

Radio operators on [redacted] communications continue to make reference to inexperienced operators. It is possibly significant that experienced operators are manning the sets during the times of the GOLDEN TREE message. Radio operators have also discussed the departure of [redacted]

[redacted] intercepts of [redacted] [redacted] have been reported by ELINT sources during the past week. A brief intercept [redacted] tends to confirm operation [redacted] Other [redacted] sites noted active were [redacted]

ELINT information indicates [redacted] in operation at [redacted] in Cuba, including [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] The duration of the target tracking [redacted] recorded this far in November has [redacted]

[redacted] recent intercept [redacted] on [redacted] for a [redacted] period of approximately [redacted] during the current month have occurred during [redacted] intercepts [redacted] were reported on [redacted]

PART II: CUBAN COMMUNICATIONS

Cuban [redacted] communications link serving [redacted] on 14 November 1963. The terminal [redacted] has subsequently been active on [redacted] November 1963 and was referred to in a conversation between [redacted] activity has consisted of [redacted] requesting oxygen tanks and oil, having been noted on [redacted] This link may presage an increase of activity at [redacted]

PART III A: GOLDEN TREE

The continuation of [redacted] by [redacted]

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2/0 EXEMPT R66-63

In the [EXEMPT] area has been observed in COMINT during this reporting period. In addition to the [EXEMPT] reported to be participating in this operation, the deployment of [EXEMPT] troops to the area indicates an increased operational effort. (2/EXEMPT R55-63 and 2/EXEMPT R113-63).

Several references to a [EXEMPT] operation utilizing the combined efforts of the [EXEMPT]

[EXEMPT] were reflected in messages from [EXEMPT] on 21 November. This operation was effected [EXEMPT] in order to apprehend persons attempting to flee the country. (2/SI EXEMPT R293-63).

There were also several messages about an operation in the [EXEMPT] area of [EXEMPT] Province. An insurgent band consisting of three individuals was captured at [EXEMPT] in the Municipality of [EXEMPT]. Members of [EXEMPT] were apparently utilized for this operation. (2/SI EXEMPT R286-63, 2/Y EXEMPT R292-63).

Reference to a [EXEMPT] was observed in a message intercepted on [EXEMPT] communications [EXEMPT] or [EXEMPT] over her. The Chief of [EXEMPT] ordered the Chief of [EXEMPT] of his subordinate [EXEMPT]

Since mention was made of a new organization and not the possibility exists that this is in reference to the [EXEMPT] Prior references to [EXEMPT] have not been observed in this particular area. Subsequently, the possibility of the [EXEMPT] [EXEMPT] (2/Y EXEMPT R301-63).

The [EXEMPT] field maneuvers conducted by elements of the Central Army during the period 25 to 30 November were observed by witnesses by officials [EXEMPT] out Cuba. Invitations to observe these maneuvers were extended to officials or delegations of [EXEMPT]

Representatives from MARE were also invited, and observers were to be at [EXEMPT] on 24 November, indicating that the movement (or at least some phase of these maneuvers) were to be held [EXEMPT] (2/SI EXEMPT R302-63)

An interest of the [EXEMPT] [EXEMPT] identified by the individual [EXEMPT] in which the [EXEMPT] reported the country [EXEMPT] (2/SI EXEMPT R185-63).

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All subordinates of the First Army Headquarters in both Raptara and Southeastern Ontario were placed in an alert status on 22 November 1963. (2/LR EXEMPT 107-63)

The vessel, [redacted] of the [redacted] EXEMPT Coastal Battalion was revealed in a message from [redacted]

EXEMPT

(2/LR 1655-63)

PART III: [redacted]

[redacted] EXEMPT has [redacted] has suffered one of the three accidents involving a EXEMPT vessel in Cuba. At [redacted] on 26 November the [redacted] ran aground while entering the port of Mariel, sustaining two considerable leaks. Salvage vessels sent to the scene included the [redacted] EXEMPT. They were ordered to leave worked until EXEMPT when it was reported salvage operations were complete. (2/157 [redacted] 1679-63 and 2/3 EXEMPT 105-63). EXEMPT is now in drydock practically at Mariel. (2/3 EXEMPT 105-63)

A Cuban motorboat named the INDALPCIO was forced by passengers to put into the Guantanamo Naval Base on 21 November. Four persons aboard the vessel were reported to have taken asylum at the base but a reliable source stated that 15 persons remained at the base and four others returned with the INDALPCIO. The vessel was escorted by a destroyer to the naval landing at [redacted] EXEMPT

(2/157 [redacted] 186-63 and 2/157 [redacted] 186-63) EXEMPT 12 passengers and 4 crewmen, including the ship's captain, remained at the [redacted] EXEMPT (2/157 EXEMPT 191-63)

As alert status began on 22 November in Ontario Province and apparently prevented by the death of President KENNEDY. While no orders or directives were issued cancelling the alert, there were indications that it probably was to terminate on 25 November. On 25 November instructions were passed from Egan to a subordinate unit that [redacted] be granted to 25 percent of its personnel. (2/EXEMPT 105-63 and 2/EXEMPT 106-63)

The USNS JOSEPH E. BAKER, TAC-171, has been the subject of recurring EXEMPT reports concerning its position. These reports have been noted being passed from [redacted] EXEMPT [redacted] The reports were filed [redacted] and have originated at [redacted] EXEMPT (2/EXEMPT 107-63)

[redacted] EXEMPT [redacted] have you] be cancelled [redacted] from 20 to 30 November in the key tent used by U.S. [redacted] exercises would include: pyrotechnical and [redacted] general flying and illumination [redacted]

EXEMPT

(2/LR 1630-63)

EXEMPT

The [redacted] [redacted] EXEMPT

[redacted] EXEMPT

[redacted] EXEMPT (2) EXEMPT

2/89/ R354-63)

The location of the Anti-Pirate Organization was revealed

[redacted] EXEMPT

[redacted] EXEMPT has been noted, EXEMPT

[redacted] EXEMPT (2/0) R36-63)

There has been only one inter-area movement noted in the period covered by this report. [redacted] EXEMPT over [redacted] EXEMPT which has been operating out [redacted] EXEMPT

[redacted] EXEMPT [redacted] EXEMPT over [redacted] EXEMPT

the [redacted] EXEMPT (2/0) EXEMPT R30-63)

A [redacted] EXEMPT practice was held [redacted] EXEMPT the [redacted] EXEMPT over [redacted] EXEMPT

[redacted] EXEMPT It was reported that an area would be considered safe. (2/8) EXEMPT R32-63)

The [redacted] were active in various practices during the week. [redacted] were involved [redacted] transition from [redacted] EXEMPT (EXEMPT over [redacted] EXEMPT participated in an [redacted] EXEMPT in the [redacted] area from [redacted] EXEMPT (2/0-63, R572-63, R602-63)

In the [redacted] was engaged in exercise [redacted] EXEMPT, was training of [redacted]

(in) [redacted] EXEMPT exercise (probably a [redacted] EXEMPT EXEMPT (see 2/ EXEMPT R192-63)