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POSSIBLE REFLECTIONS OF SOVIET/CUBAN TRADE ADJUSTMENTS
NOTED IN MERCHANT SHIPPING

1. An analysis of current Soviet shipping to Cuba reveals that: (a) a considerable number of Soviet merchant ships en route from the Black Sea to Cuba have been declaring for South African ports with very low cargo tonnages; (b) a number of ships from the Baltic (also estimated to be travelling light) were proceeding toward Cuba; and (c) there has been a recent absence of [REDACTED] traffic which normally reflects the departure dates and cargo/tonnage data of Soviet ships scheduled for Cuban voyages.

2. The following details are available on these ships probably en route Cuba. Read in 6 columns: Ship [C/S]/Tons Declared/Cargo Capacity/Port Declared/Probable Destination/Area of Departure.

- DUBOSSARY [UBFN]/965/8718/Conakry/Cuba/Black Sea
- DIVNOGORSK [UQHJ]/760/12000/Gibraltar/Cuba/Black Sea
- F.Z. KYRUI [UQDP]/1400/14500/Conakry/Cuba/Black Sea
- K. ZELENSKI [UYOL]/1654/14600/Gibraltar/Cuba/Black Sea
- N. PIROGOV [UVPT]/1295/7000/Takoradi/possibly Cuba/Black Sea
- OMSK [UQVZ]/1600/14000/Ghana/Cuba/Black Sea
- POLTAVA [UUDQ]/1270/11000/Ghana/Cuba/Black Sea
- M. KURAKO [UERM]/2350/14500/Conakry/Cuba/Black Sea
- F. KURCHATOV [UYOM]/1131/-----/Ghana/possibly Cuba/Black Sea
- LEHINOGORSK [UIWY]/915/11800/Conakry/possibly Cuba/Black Sea
- MEDNOGORSK [UQHJ]/1325/11800/Accra/possibly Cuba/Black Sea
- ALAPAEVSK [URLL]/unknown/6500/none/Cuba/Baltic
- ALEKSANDROVSK [UVZU]/unknown/6500/none/Cuba/Baltic
- L'GOV [UQMW]/unknown/6500/none/Cuba/Baltic
- SREFENSK [UIWQ]/unknown/6500/none/Cuba/Baltic

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3. On 25 July, the Soviets announced the sailing of a large group of Soviet agricultural specialists and students to Cuba aboard the Soviet passenger ship ADMIRAL NAKHIMOV. This is one of the four out of five passenger ships now en route or already in Cuba which declared for various other ports (two for South Africa and two for Vladivostok - [REDACTED])

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