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FURTHER INFORMATION ON CARGO SHIPMENTS TO CUBA IN SOVIET SHIPS

1. An additional 13 Soviet merchant ships have been noted in COMINT en route or possibly en route Cuba. The following details concerning these ships are available. Read in six columns: Ship [C/S, Gross Tons]/Area of Departure/Port Declared/Cargo Declared/known Cargo/Remarks.

BERDYANSK [UIWP, 5436]/Black Sea/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/possibly en route Cuba;
second trip

DVINOLES [UYSA, 4638]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/second trip

KASIMOV [Unknown, 9254]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx

GRUZIYA [UPOV, 11030]/Black Sea/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/passenger ship; possibly en route Cuba; second trip

BELORETSK [USMZ, 10300]/Black Sea/xxxx/xxxx/2527 metric tons steel/second trip

DEPUTAT LUTSKIJ [UJYQ, 9935]/Black Sea/xxxx/xxxx/1462 metric tons pig iron and steel/xxxx

NIKOLAEVSK [URST, 4871]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/100 passengers sighted on deck/passenger ship; second trip

DUBOSSARY [UBFN, 7265]/Black Sea/Cuba/3400 tons general/xxxx/second trip

METALLURG BARDIN [URDP, 12285]/Black Sea/Conakry/1707 tons general/xxxx/second trip; possibly Cuba

SEVASTOPOL' [UOJE, 7176]/Baltic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/second trip; possibly Cuba

INDIGIRKA [UWEP, 7661]/Arctic/xxxx/xxxx/xxxx/icebreaker/cargo ship

ORENBURG [UYXH, 11058]/Black Sea/Conakry/1900 tons general/xxxx/second trip; possibly Cuba

SIMFEROPOL' [UVTG, 6750]/Black Sea/Cuba/2280 tons general/2295 metric tons flour/xxxx

2. International commercial messages indicate that the BELORETSK, DEPUTAT LUTSKIJ, and SIMFEROPOL' loaded the above-mentioned tonnages of cargo for shipment to Cuba. This type of information has been largely absent from such communications

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during the past three months. During that time, Soviet ships en route Cuba have, in general, attempted to conceal factual cargo information. Previously, however, the loading of specific cargoes for Cuba was often seen in international commercial messages.

3. The icebreaker/cargo ship INDIGIRKA is believed to have made a call at Murmansk on 17 September prior to beginning its present voyage to Cuba. In the past, the majority of ships which have followed this pattern have been carrying and/or towing naval units. ~~_____~~ In light of this fact, the possibility that the INDIGIRKA may deliver naval and/or military cargo to Cuba should not be discounted.

4. Two ships, previously reported as possibly en route Cuba, are now known to be definitely en route Cuba. These are the passenger ship AIMIRAL NAKHIMOV [UKDD] and the cargo ship KIVASNOGRAD [UQOK].

5. The following cargo information, obtained from COMINT and collateral sources concerning ships already reported en route Cuba, is available: (a) IZHEVSK [UICP], 8-10 oil tanks, 6 large wooden crates, 1 truck crane, one 1.5- or 2.5-ton truck, and various types of small deck cargo; (b) LENINOGORSK [UIWY], eight 1.5- or 2.5-ton trucks; and (c) ANGIJANGEL'SK [UVCO], spare parts for tractors (COMINT).

6. There have been 121 Soviet voyages (excluding tankers) to Cuba thus far in the third (calendar) quarter of 1962. This number represents a total of 872,195 gross tons.

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