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

Cuba

There are three recent Cuban developments you should know about:

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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Tab A - Caption removed transferred to GDS

Tab B - Transferred to GDS with additional access controlled by S/S

Tab C - Caption and custody retained by S/S

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2. Several [] in various posts have been contacted by Cuban intelligence agents (Tab B is an example). The purpose seems to be to establish contact, and to suggest that Cuba is prepared to consider better relations. No effort has been made to use these intelligence channels to communicate a package proposal. One Cuban has told [] that there is already another channel established for this purpose.

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3. CIA attaches particular significance to one [] contact, in which [] who is close to Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, took pains to stress that Cuba would consider a variety of techniques for resolution of the problem of compensation for the expropriated properties (Tab C).

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I have asked L for some concrete comments on the proposal. The source also echoed Carlos Rafael's statement that Havana would respond favorably to a gradual lifting of sanctions.

Attachments:

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

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