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STATUS OF OCEAN/SOVIET 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] on 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/Royal network in  
Cuba. AC [redacted] the station made a collective call utilizing the  
[redacted] EXEMPT. However, the attempt was abortive as  
a result of [redacted] EXEMPT  
[redacted]

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]  
[redacted] EXEMPT They were as follows [redacted] EXEMPT

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210 EXEMPT 406-61

[REDACTED]

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as first heard on 27 November. The  
this [REDACTED] link is [REDACTED] 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 as 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] [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] 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] 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] 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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All subordinates of the First Army Headquarters in both Eastern and Southeastern Ontario were placed in an alert status on 22 November 1963. (2/18 EXEMPT 107-63)

The area of east of [redacted] EXEMPT Coastal Battalion was revealed in a message from [redacted] EXEMPT (2/18 EXEMPT 107-63)

**PART III: INCIDENT AT CUBAN BAY**

[redacted] EXEMPT has suffered one of the most serious incidents involving a vessel in Cuba. At [redacted] on 26 November the [redacted] ran aground while entering the port of Mariel, sustaining uncontrollable leaks. Salvage vessels sent to the scene included the [redacted] EXEMPT. They were ordered to keep working until [redacted] when it was reported salvage operations were complete. (2/15 EXEMPT 107-63 and 2/3 EXEMPT 107-63) [redacted] EXEMPT is now in deplorable condition at Mariel. (2/3 EXEMPT 107-63)

A Cuban maritime vessel the INDIACIO was forced by passengers to put into the Guantanamo Naval Base on 26 November. Four persons aboard the vessel were reported to have been killed at the time but a reliable source at the base states that 25 persons remained at the base and four others returned with the INDIACIO. The vessel was escorted by a destroyer to the naval landing [redacted] EXEMPT (2/18 EXEMPT 107-63 and 2/3 EXEMPT 107-63) 22 passengers and 4 crew members, including the ship's captain, remained at the [redacted] EXEMPT (2/3 EXEMPT 107-63)

An alert which began on 22 November in Ontario Province was apparently prevented by the death of President KENNEDY. While no orders or directives were noted cancelling the alert, there were indications that it probably was terminated on 25 November. On 25 November the alert was passed from Egan to a subordinate unit that [redacted] EXEMPT to 25 percent of its personnel. (2/3 EXEMPT 107-63 and 2/3 EXEMPT 107-63)

The USNS ROBERT L. 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] EXEMPT. The reports were filed [redacted] EXEMPT and have originated at [redacted] EXEMPT (2/3 EXEMPT 107-63)

[redacted] EXEMPT [redacted] EXEMPT has a usual [redacted] EXEMPT from 20 to 30 November in the key tent used by U.S. [redacted] EXEMPT exercises would include [redacted] EXEMPT general flying and illumination [redacted] EXEMPT (2/18 EXEMPT 107-63)

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The location of the Anti-Pirate Organization was revealed

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(the information)

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has been noted, EXEMPT

mandate

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(2/0) R36-63)

There has been only one inter-area movement noted in the period covered by this report. (EXEMPT overbar) intercom disclosed that (EXEMPT) which has been operating out (EXEMPT)

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(EXEMPT overbar)

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the inter-ops department (2/0 EXEMPT R30-63)

A (EXEMPT) practice was held (probably in the (EXEMPT) area; (EXEMPT) overbar EXEMPT

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It was reported that an area

would be considered safe (2/6 EXEMPT R32-63)

The (EXEMPT) were active in various practices during the week (EXEMPT) were involved (EXEMPT) participated in an (EXEMPT) site in the (EXEMPT) area from (EXEMPT) (2/0-63, 2572-63, R602-63)

In the (EXEMPT) was engaged in exercise (EXEMPT) was training of

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

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