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THE DIRECTOR OF
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Chairman
National Intelligence Council

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NOTE TO: Major Oliver North
National Security Council Staff

SUBJECT: Assessment of Cuban Forces in Grenada

As you requested, attached is an Intelligence Community assessment prepared overnight on the strength of Cuban forces on Grenada. In brief, the Community reaffirms its earlier estimates of Cuban strength on island.

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We will address this in the addendum to follow but going with our original estimate of the construction workers would give a total Cuban strength close to what Castro has stated. The report also notes the possibility of reinforcements brought in by the Cuban ship Vietnam Heroico, though we have seen no evidence of such, and states the Community view that a major diversionary military action, for example, against Guantanamo Bay, does not seem likely, although Castro may order sabotage and attacks against US embassies and installations in the region.

DIA, CIA, NSA and INR participated in the preparation of this assessment.

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