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BIOLOGICAL/CHEMICAL WARFARE

CW Training in Cuban Navy Appears Geared for Defense

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[redacted] both officer and enlisted personnel had been sent to the USSR to receive instruction in CW defense and that a separate CW instructor school had been established in Cuba. Instruction included means whereby CW attacks could be delivered against Cuban vessels and emphasized the defensive capabilities and equipment available to the naval personnel. Crew members were issued a protective mask and suit. Because engine room personnel passed out due to the heat when wearing both the mask and the protective suit, instructions were modified so that only the protective mask was worn by the engine room crew during a chemical attack. [redacted] knew of no provisions which would indicate any offensive CW capability within the Cuban Revolutionary Navy. [redacted]

Comment: Frequent bits of information concerning CW training in Cuba support the concept that the Cuban Navy as well as the ground forces are preparing only for defensive CW activities. Cuba has received from the Soviets a variety of defensive materiel which should provide them with an acceptable capability to perform their mission for a limited time in a toxic environment. Cuba apparently still has no capability to produce the defensive materiel locally and would be hard pressed to defend against a chemical attack of any significant proportion. [redacted]