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COUNTRY	CUBA /USSR	REPORT NO.	TDCS -3/520,585
SUBJECT	1. ARRIVAL OF SOVIET SHIPS AND PREFABRICATED CONCRETE FORMS. 2. DISTRIBUTION OF GAS MASKS TO SELECTED ARMY UNITS	DATE DISTR.	23 AUGUST 1962
DATE OF INFO.	LATE JULY - 11 AUGUST 1962	PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE
PLACE & DATE ACQ. APPRAISAL		REFERENCES	IN 49980
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1. [] AUGUST 1962 TWO SHIPS ARRIVED AT AN UNIDENTIFIED CUBAN PORT LOADED WITH PERSONNEL AND WITH 30,000 METAL BEDS. THEY WERE THE "LUGANSK," OF 8,000 TONS, AND THE "BALTIYSK," OF 10,000 TONS. ([] COMMENT: THE PORT WAS PROBABLY HABANA) [] COMMENT: THE "LUGANSK" IS A SOVIET TANKER WHICH NORMALLY CARRIES PETROLEUM.)

2. SINCE LATE JULY EIGHT SHIPS HAVE ENTERED CUBA AT MARIEL AND FOUR AT CABANAS, PINAR DEL RIO PROVINCE. [] AUGUST A SHIP ARRIVED AT HABANA WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL WHO DISEMBARKED AT NIGHT. SPECIAL RATIONS WERE UNLOADED IN THE AFTERNOON.

3. A LARGE QUANTITY OF PREFABRICATED CONCRETE FORMS WERE

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UNLOADED AT MARIEL, SOME TUBULAR-SHAPED WITH A WIDTH OF FIVE METERS AND OTHERS IN THE SHAPE OF A HEMISPHERE MEASURING THREE METERS HIGH BY TEN METERS LONG WITH A THICKNESS OF SIX INCHES. [REDACTED]

COMMENT: [REDACTED] REPORTED SEEING OBJECTS RESEMBLING PILLBOXES OF PREFABRICATED CONCRETE WITH A THICKNESS OF SIX INCHES WITH MACHINE GUNS BEING UNLOADED AT MARIEL ON AN UNSPECIFIED DATE.)

4. [REDACTED] GAS MASKS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO SEVERAL ARMY GROUPS, PRINCIPALLY TO UNITS STATIONED NEAR THE COAST OF CUBA. THE MASKS ARE FOR PROTECTION AGAINST NERVE GAS (SPANISH: EL GAS INERCIA).

5. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCARIB

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