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| COUNTRY | CUBA/USSR | REPORT NO. | TDCS -3/523,169 |
| SUBJECT | POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IN CUBA | DATE DISTR. | 21 SEPTEMBER 1962 |
| DATE OF INFO. | PARA. 1: EARLY SEPTEMBER 1962 PARA. 2: LATE AUGUST 1962 | PRECEDENCE | ROUTINE |
| PLACE & DATE ACQ. | | REFERENCES | IN 25331 |
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1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FERNANDEZ REPLIED:

"MY DIE IS CAST. WE WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH AND PERHAPS WE CAN WIN BECAUSE WE HAVE EVERYTHING INCLUDING ATOMIC WEAPONS." [REDACTED] COMMENT. FERNANDEZ IS CHIEF OF WAR PLANS OF THE CUBAN ARMY.)

2. THE AIR BASE IN NUMBER ONE WESTERN DISTRICT HAS BEEN DIVIDED, LEAVING A SMALL PART TO A SMALL NAVY GARRISON WHILE THE REMAINING AREA IS BEING TURNED INTO A NUCLEAR WEAPONS BASE. THE WORK, WHICH CONTINUES DAY AND NIGHT, IS BEING DONE BY ABOUT 1000 SOVIET TECHNICIANS IN COMBINED LABOR GROUPS.

[REDACTED] COMMENT. [REDACTED] MAY BE REFERRING TO THE MARIEL NAVAL AREA, IN WHICH A SUBORDINATE NAVAL POST AT BOCA DOMINICA (N 23-01.12, W 82-49.52;

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AMS E 723, SHEET 2685 III, GRID 122468) SERVES AS A NAVAL BASIC TRAINING AREA. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] IN LATE AUGUST - EARLY SEPTEMBER 1962 A MISSILE SITE WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT N 22-00.55, W 82-49.30; AMS E 723, SHEET 3685 III, GRID 130461, APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER EAST OF BOCA DOMINICA, AND APPROXIMATELY SEVEN TO TEN KILOMETERS WEST OF THE FORMER NAVAL AVIATION ACADEMY AT N 23-00.25, W 82-46.05; AMS E 723, SHEET 3685 III, GRID 187452. THERE HAVE BEEN NO PREVIOUS REPORTS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN CUBA.)

3. FIELD DISSEM: CINCLANT, CINCARIB

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