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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH : Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT : Possibility that Castro Government will Break Relations with United States

1. Reports that the Castro government may break relations with the United States in the near future have been received by [redacted] from [redacted] and by the US Embassy in Habana from [redacted]. Neither is confirmed and Ambassador Bonsal heavily discounts the report that he has received. The semi-official daily Revolucion said on 12 November that a note would be delivered today to Ambassador Bonsal replying to US notes of 27 October and 9 November. Prime Minister Castro will appear tonight on TV.

2. Fidel Castro's basic anti-Americanism has become the focal point of his irrational attempts to rule Cuba in his own way in the face of mounting difficulties and opposition. We cannot rule out the possibility that Fidel Castro will break relations with the United States. It is more likely, however, that he will recall Ambassador Dihigo and other senior representatives in Washington in an ostentatious gesture. The

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threat of a break in relations might accompany new demands on the Guantanamo Base agreement, control of Cuban exiles, or other alleged Cuban grievances against the United States.

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