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The Honorable Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dean:

The May 23rd CIA Progress Report (No. 03546/62)
carries as numbered item 9 the following:

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"Canadian sources continue to supply the Cubans
with critically needed food, equipment and services.

According to [redacted]

[redacted] Canada
is increasing business arrangements with Cuba. The
Canadian International Air Freighters Company
operating between Cuba and Canada is expanding opera-
tions throughout Latin America. In 1961 they transported
to Cuba 5000 pigs which were trans-shipped to the USSR.
Edwin Peters Association of Montreal has been providing
essential turbo-oil 35 and aviation supplies. Another
Canadian firm operated by Colin Campbell uses four
planes to fly food from Toronto to Havana."

This adds to information received from many sources
that many plants essential to the Cuban economy, most particularly
the oil refineries, are able to remain in operational status because
of spare parts and replacement units and essential materials such
as catalysts, are supplied principally by the Canadians, but to a
lesser extent by the British.

Can anything be done on this?

Regards.

Sincerely,

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Director

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