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1. SOVIET MINISTER AND RESIDENT DELEGATE IN GNVA
NIKOLAY MOLYAKOV, FORMER DEPARTMENT CHIEF IN MFA AND
RECENTLY SOMETIME ACTING HEAD OF SOV LAOS CONG DEL,
VISITED SUBJ FOR TWO HOURS AT LATTER'S OFFICE ON NOON
23 OCT. MOLYAKOV'S CALL APPEARED BE COMBINATION OF
REPAYING CURTESY CALL HE OWE SUBJ AND LEARNING FROM
HIM ABOUT HIS VIEWS OF CUBAN DEVELOPMENTS.

2. MOLYAKOV COMMENTED THAT THE USSR WOULD NOT
LET THE AMERICAN MOVE GO WITHOUT RETALIATION. HE SAID
HE THOUGHT THE AMERICAN ACTION WAS "AN ELECTION AFFAIR",
HE PROFESSED TO BELIEVE THAT PRES KENNEDDY HAD DISCOVERED
ON HIS ELECTION TOUR THAT HIS POPULARITY HAD DROPPED,
AND THAT HE HAD THEN UNDERTAKEN THE CUBAN MEASURE TO
"BECOME THE LEADER AGAIN" AND REGAIN MASS SUPPORT. WITH
THIS MEASURE HE HAS NOW BECOME THE "MAN OF THE NATION"
AGAIN, AND THE NATION IS IN A STATE OF HYSTERIA BEHIND
HIM. HE ASKED SUBJ OPINION.

3. SUBJ REPLIED THAT HE FELT THAT THE DOMESTIC
ELECTION WAS IMPORTANT BUT THAT HE FELT PRES KENNEDDY
WAS ALSO TRYING TO APPLY PRESSURE, THROUGH THE CUBAN
STEP, TO ALLIES WHOSE ENTHUSIASM FOR VARIOUS AMERICAN
PROPOSED POSITIONS HAD BEEN FLAGGING, LIKE THE UK AND THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. HE ADDED THAT HE FELT THAT IT MIGHT ALSO BE DIRECTED AT APPLYING PRESSURE IN THE BERLIN SITUATION ON THE HEELS OF VARIOUS ORBIT LEADERS STATEMENTS RE THE IMMENSY OF A TREATY WITH EASTERN GERMANY.

4. MOLYAKOV AGREED WITH THIS, BUT ADDED THAT MORE IMPORTANT EXTERNALLY WAS AMERICAN FEAR OF LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES, LIKE THOSE OF BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA "WHERE REVOLUTION IS BEFORE THE DOOR". HE INSISTED HOWEVER THAT DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS HAD BEEN THE PARAMOUNT ONES. SUBJ REPLIED THAT THE RISK SEEMED DISPROPORTIONATELY GREAT SINCE FOR A DOMESTIC GOAL PRES KENNEDY WAS RISKING WAR. MOLYAKOV REPLIED IRONICALLY THAT HE HAD READ THAT A SWEDISH DETECTION STATION HAD REPORTED A TWENTY SIX MEGATON BLAST AND THAT ALTHOUGH "I DIDN'T ORIGANATE THAT REPORT, IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE BLAST TOOK PLACE". (SUBJ COMMENT: MOLYAKOV WAS IMPLYING THAT THERE WOULD BE USE MADE OF SUCH BOMBS IF THE AMERICAN MOVE RESULTED IN WAR. SUBJ ADDED THAT HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT MOLYAKOF HAD RCVD ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW AT THE TIME THAT THE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE, AND THAT HIS COMMENTS ON THE REASONS FOR THE AMERICAN MOVE ON CUBA WERE LIKELY TO BE BASED ON HIS OWN ANALYSIS.)

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