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SUBJECT: MFM ON CUBAN INTERVENTION

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1. I CALLED ON DEFFONMIN NASS TO REVIEW STATUS OAS ACTION AGAINST CASTRO. I MENTIONED DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN WASHINGTON IN EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A BLACK LIST PROJECT AND TOUCHED ON THE IDEA OF CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE WHICH FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO ME WAS NOT INCORPORATED INTO DRAFT RESOLUTION. NASS IMMEDIATELY REFERRED TO INCREDIBLE DIFFICULTIES GOV HAS ENCOUNTERED GETTING EVEN ENOUGH MEMBERS TO FORM AN INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSION, AS ILLUSTRATIVE OF LACK OF ENTHUSIASM OAR'S HE CITED PRESS REPORTS CHILEAN FONMIN VALDEZ DOES NOT INTEND PARTICIPATE AT MFM AND ADDED HE HAD SENT IMMEDIATE CABLE SANTIAGO ON THIS SUBJECT AS WELL AS ON CHILEAN PARTICIPATION IN THE INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE. HE RUED THAT GOC REPLY TO REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMISSION WAS FLATLY NEGATIVE. NASS SAID HE ALSO HAD SENT MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LEONI TO RIO AS SUGGESTED BY US (EMBTTEL 6637), BUT THAT NO REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM BRAZIL AS YET. NASS REITERATED GOV PREOCCUPATION WITH ESTABLISHING HEMISPHERIC ACCEPTANCE OF CASTRO AS HEMISPHERIC THREAT. HE SAID NOW IS THE MOMENT FOR OAS TO MOVE, PARTICULARLY WHEN SOVIET PRESTIGE HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED IN MIDDLE EAST.

2. I AGREED WITH NASS AND REFERRED TO COMMENTS BY UNDER SECRETARY KOHLER WHO FOUND LATIN AMBASSADORS IN MOSCOW OVERLY TIMID AND REGRETTED THAT LA GOVERNMENTS

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APPARENTLY FAILED RECOGNIZE THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIONS, PARTICULARLY WHEN UNANIMOUS, ARE SERIOUSLY RECEIVED BY SOVIETS.

3. NASS CONCURRED AND WENT ON TO EXPRESS GOV HOPE THAT IN US-SOVIET TALKS RE WORLD PEACE, THAT US NOT FAIL TO RAISE CASTRO PROBLEM NASS OPINED KOSYGIN EVASIVENESS RE ALKS WITH PRESIDEN IS HEATRICS AND E WILL SEEK TALKS AFTER PRELIMINARY MANEUVERS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO NASS REITERATION GOV CONCERN THAT ALL MINISTERS ATTEND FINAL SESSION OF MFM, I EMPHASIZED TO NASS IMPORTANCE (REFTEL) THAT GOV UNDERTAKE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS WILL IN ADVANCE OF FINAL MEETING. NASS SAID GOV LIKES DRAFT WHICH LINOWITZ PROVIDED TO PARIS AND IS AWAITING ONLY COMMENTS FROM PEREZ GUERRERO IN THE UNITED NATIONS AS TO LANGUAGE IN POINT 3. HE SAID TODAY OR TOMORROW THEY WILL REACH DECISION ON THIS POINT AND THEY WILL INSTRUCT PARIS AND PEREZ TO UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS IN OAS AND UN AND AT SAME TIME WILL INITIATE PARALLEL BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH OAR'S. NASS ADDED HAT IRIBARREN IS ALSO SENDING PERSONAL LETTERS TO HIS OAS COLLEAGUES STRESSING TO THEM IMPORTANCE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENDANCE.

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