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SUBJECT: 12TH MFM: PROPOSED MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO VISIT
EUROPE.

REF: CARACAS 159

1. VEN OAS REP HAS SHOWNPSS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION RE
COMMITTEE REFERRED TO REFTEL 159.
2. ORIGINAL IDEA OF HAVING COMMITTEE APPOINTED PROMPTLY TO
REPORT TO MFM AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL ASSUMED IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-UP
BY GOV. AS INDICATED REFTEL, HOWEVER, GOV HAS DONE NO SPADE
WORK WITH OAR 'S. IN LINOWITZ-LEONI CONVERSATION IT AGREED
THAT ANY SUCH OPERATION WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY PLANNED AND
PREPARED WELL IN ADVANCE AND WOULD INVOLVE, INTER ALIA DIRE
APPROACHES FROM IRIBARREN TO ARGENTINE AND COLOMBIAN FONMINS
WHOM WE UNDERSTAND GOV DESIRES ON COMMITTEE.
3. MOREOVER SUCH TRIP WOULD COME NOW ON EVE OF LASO CONFERENCE
AND IN LIGHT MOSCOW S 134, REPEATED CARACAS, VISIT TO SOVIET
UNIOG WOULD NOT SEEM TIMELY.

4. THE VEN OAS REP HAS BEGUN SOUNDINGS WITH CERTAIN OTHER OAS REPS

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HERE ON IDEA (WITHOUT SHOWING TEXT RESOLUTION), INDICATING ALTERNATIVES OF SENDING COMMITTEE BEFORE OR AFTER MINISTERIAL LEVEL SESSION. ALTHOUGH THERE IS INTEREST IN IDEA, THOSE APPROACHED, PARTICULARLY ARGENTINA, COLUMBIA AND PERU EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE APPOINTED IN ADVANCE BUT BY MFM AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL AT TIME IT ADOPTS SUBSTANCE RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD THE GIVE COMMITTEE REAL BASIS FOR DVUCUSSIONS.

5. EQUALLY IMPORTANTLY, PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMITTEE ARE NOT DIRECTED TOWARD PERSUADING EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO RESTRICT TRADE WITH CUBA WHICH IS DESIRED OBJECTIVE BUT GIVE IMPRESSION THAT PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE IS TO SEEK HELP IN WORKING OUT MOLICHOF HEMISPHERIC CO-EXISTENCE WITH CUBA WHICH IS IN EFFECT SOVIET THESIS. LASTLY WE FEEL, ON FURTHER THOUGHT, THAT FOR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO TAKE ANY SUCH APPROACH SERIOUSLY IT SHOULD BE BACKED BY PREVIOUS MFM ACTION WHICH URGES THAT STATES NOT MEMBERS OAS RESTRICT TRADE WITH CUBA.

6. APART FROM FOREGOING, RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED CHARACTERIZES CUBAN POLICY AS "THREAT TO PEACE" AND "OBSTACLE TO SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA" AND STATES THAT THIS COULD "SERIOUSLY AFFECT WORLD PEACE DUE TO INEVITABLE UNIVERSAL REPERCUSSIONS OF A CONFLICT IN AMERICA." SUCH LANGUAGE IN OUR VIEW EXAGGERATES CASTRO'S INFLUENCE AND IMPLIES SOME UPCOMING "CONFLICT" WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY POSITION THAT CUBAN PROBLEM IS UN AND NOT OAS MATTER.

7. FOR FOREGOING REASONS WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE NOT TO SEEK APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE BY SEPARATE RESOLUTION IN ADVANCE, BUT TO RE-INCORPORATE IDEA IN PACKAGE F MWSURES WHICH MFM MIGHT TAKE, AS PROPOSED IN ORIGINAL US DRAFT.

8. WE INFORMING VEN OAS REP OF FOREGOING VIEWS. EMBASSY REQUESTED DISCUSS MATTER WITH FONMIN SOONEST.

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