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1. Please discuss with FonMin present GOV views re proposal for Committee of Foreign Ministers to visit non-member countries and whether, in light reactions thereto, Venezuela intends to pursue matter further or to abandon it. Dept understands that Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Uruguay are opposed and Mexico undoubtedly would not favor. It therefore appears that proposal does not have adequate LA support.

2. If GOV has decided abandon proposal, please explore with FonMin desirability of adding to present Venezuelan proposal additional paragraph re shipping controls contained in final paragraph of attachment to CA 9817. As explained in CA, this idea has been held in reserve pending determination acceptability of proposal for Ministerial Committee.

a. Comment: As indicated in text, recommended restrictions

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would affect only individual third country vessels that have called at Cuban ports to load or unload cargo, would be limited to denial by OAS members of government or government-financed cargoes and all bunkering facilities, and would exempt shipments for humanitarian purposes along lines exemption to suspension of shipping under para 1(c) of Resolution I, 9th MFM.

b. Background: All OAS members except Mexico have complied with above Resolution 9th MFM, which affects direct shipping between Cuba and member states including latters' own flag shipping. Denial of government cargoes and bunkering licenses for third country ships in Cuba trade, as above, already in effect in US (in addition to which US longshoremen refuse to handle their cargoes), but would be new for most OAS countries.

Principal free world shipping with Cuba is British, Greek, Cypriot and Lebanese, in descending order.

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