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SUBJECT: CUBAN EXILE RAIDS

1. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAS PROVIDED WITH THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL ON AN IF ASKED BASIS FOR THE NOON BRIEFING TODAY. YOU MAY DRAW ON THIS MATERIAL AS YOU WISH.

2. QUOTE-01 WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT REPORTS THAT CUBAN FISHING VESSELS HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY MIAMI BASED CUBAN EXILES? AS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, TWO CUBAN FISHING BOATS WERE ATTACKED IN AN AREA WEST OF ANDROS ISLAND IN THE CARIBBEAN. HAVANA RADIO CLAIMED THAT THE ATTACKS WERE ORIGINATED BY "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS" IN MIAMI. THE CREWS, WHICH APPARENTLY HAD BEEN SET FREE IN TWO SMALL BOATS, WERE RECOVERED BY CUBA ON OCTOBER 5. ONE OF THE TWELVE CREW MEMBERS IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE ATTACK.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF
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JUSTICE TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER THERE WAS ANY INVOLVEMENT BY PERSONS UNDER U.S. JURISDICTION WITH THE VIEW OF PROSECUTING ANY VIOLATIONS OF U.S. LAW.

THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE SWISS EMBASSY, INFORMED US ON OCTOBER 8 THAT THEY WERE HOLDING TWO U.S.

REGISTERED VESSELS WITH THEIR FIVE CREW MEMBERS FOR INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE TWO CUBAN FISHING VESSELS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE NAMES AND NATIONALITIES OF THE DETAINED INDIVIDUALS. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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