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6. Cuba's unfavorable balance of payments with US probably not entirely or even largely due tariff preferences granted US by Cuba but in large part to natural advantages of US as source sovpooxs* required by Cuba. Cuba enjoys benefits inherent in expanding liberal multilateral trade since she sells sugar to many countries from which it is not to her advantage to buy and buys her imports where she can do so most advantageously. Cuba would lose out if she tended on large scale to tie sugar sales to purchases by her from her sugar customers.

7. Regarding war criminals we should restate fact that while many Cubans in US may be war criminals in opinion of Cuban Government and people, GOC has failed in ten months since January to use extradition treaty to bring about arrest or trial of these people. Continued harping by GOC spokesman on this subject in public while taking no practical means to remedy situation is disingenuous at best and highly unfriendly at worst. We should stress again guarantees to individuals inherent in our judicial system. (At same time we should endeavor control better and if possible remove more gwhiiious* figures from Florida).

8. In discussing tension in Caribbean area, GOC note makes no mention of seven expeditions (one to Panama, two to Nicaragua, three to Dominican Republic and one to Haiti) which have originated since January 1 from Cuba. No mention is made of number of Cubans killed or captured on foreign soil in connection these expeditions or fact many of them regular members Cuban armed forces. Nor does note make any

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statement as to what Cuba plans to do to contribute to peace in this area. Failure receive IAPC could be mentioned.

9. Regarding US press, we should reiterate that our favorable view of objectivity and independence US news services does not imply agreement with any of many often contradictory points of view and conclusions they have reached on Cuban situation. We reject widely propagated view here that our press is in pay of "interests". At same time, we might say we have noted continued bitterly hostile attitude of 26 of July movement press regarding US Government and US economic system. We can state, as I have both to Castro and Roa, that if there is hostile attitude toward Cuba in certain sectors US press, it is largely harvest Castro and other Cuban spokesmen are reaping from their intemperate pronouncements since January 1.

10. We should stress also our hope negotiations on specific subjects may be conducted actively through diplomatic channels as indicated in Cuban note. So far there is no progress to report on major topics.

11. In commenting on notes statement to effect we should abandon transitory interest of American citizens, we should state point at issue is whether interests are legitimate and deserving of fair treatment rather than whether they are transitory, whatever that may mean. As for a small minority group being affected, they are a legitimate and not unrepresentative segment of US stockholders, many of them being of modest means.

12. US Government has noted that GOC in its foreign policy apparently plans make no distinction between free world and Communist world. This will undoubtedly be shock to people of US and peoples of other free world countries conscious of and making great efforts counter threat international Communism.

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