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SUBJECT: Ernesto "Che" GUEVARA Accuses United States of Aggression Against Cuba

An Associated Press wire story from Djakarta appearing in the local press this morning, July 31, indicates Ernesto "Che" GUEVARA, in a public statement made there yesterday, accused the United States of aggression against Cuba. Referring to the DIAZ LANZ case, Guevara declared that "as a government, the United States has committed an aggression in the international field...The Senate of the United States invited and heard a false declaration of a Cuban traitor who is a deserter from the Cuban armed forces".

He further indicated that "United Fruit is playing the same role in Cuba as in Guatemala...It is fomenting incidents against us" because of the vast tracts of land the company will lose as a result of the Agrarian Reform. He added that "several" of the four or five large U. S. companies in Cuba are undertaking a propaganda campaign against the Revolutionary Government of Fidel CASTRO.

Guevara announced that India and Cuba will soon establish diplomatic relations and that efforts are being made to foment commercial relations as well. Cuba's envoy to India, he said, will also serve as its representative to the Burmese Government.

In closing, Guevara remarked that Cuba and Indonesia have common problems and similar principles even though they give them different names.

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