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President told me last night Emilio Nunez Portuondo, former Batista representative to United Nations, called on him October 6 and said US on point of intervening in Cuba because (1) Russian and Chinese Communists active in Cuba; (2) A Communist missile launching center being built in Cuba; and (3) Cuban Government has asked US to evacuate Guantanamo. President said he made no comment to Nunez.

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I told President I could not confirm any statement made by Nunez and understood Cuban Government had not raised with US possibility evacuating Guantanamo.

President said Nunez had visited Peru and Chile and possibly other countries. There has been no press report of his presence here.

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President should be informed following at early opportunity: Nuñez Portuondo statements contained reftel re US-Cuban relations not true. While certain problems are evident in relations with present GOC US wishes continue traditional friendship Cuban nation and people. As well known in Hemisphere US believes firmly in non-intervention principle.

Nuñez Portuondo is important figure anti-Castro movement engaged in propaganda activities designed spread conviction Communists have taken over Cuba. He has no contact with Department officers dealing with Cuban affairs and assume his statements on Cuban situation motivated by desire advance own political cause. Re his three points (1) although Cuban Communist influence Castro administration disturbing and some ChiCom interest apparent no evidence Soviet activity. (2) No RPT no evidence missile center exists in Cuba. (3) GOC has not RPT not requested evacuation Guantanamo nor given any indication intention do so.

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Reference Buenos Aires telegram 599 to Department, dated October 8, 1959, and Embassy telegram 797 of October 8. Following are Embassy comments concerning allegations by Nuñez Portuondo.

1) There have been rumors of presence Russian or Chinese Communist advisers with Cuban armed forces during past several months. Details have been lacking, and there has been no confirmation to date.

2) Reports of existence or construction/~~missile~~ missile launching sites were heard several months ago. There was nothing further for some time. Then Air Attaché received information contained his IR-1228911 of October 1, 1959, giving details of alleged Cuban plan establish missile sites.

3) Cuban Government has made no approach to Embassy concerning evacuation Guantanamo Base. Fidel Castro has made several remarks beginning in February which indicate that question of Base may come up for consideration at some indefinite future date. "Che" Guevara has repeatedly condemned presence of Base as threat to Cuban safety in event World conflict and as violation Cuban sovereignty.

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