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SUBJECT: Disruption of Rail Traffic in Eastern Area of Cuba

The extent to which freight movement has been disrupted by rebel activity in Oriente and Camaguey Provinces may be seen from the following tables prepared by the Consolidated Railroads of Cuba showing carloadings for the first 20 days of April:

Freight Cars Despatched

(Units)

April 1 - 10

Type of Freight	Cuban Railroad		Northern Railroad		Guantanamo and Western	
	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957
Sugar	480	932	810	726	-	314
Cane	3,615	7,677	3,530	5,539	-	2,227
Molasses	336	503	479	597	-	62
Cattle	21	48	4	11	-	-
Minerals	-	88	10	78	-	-
Lumber	50	135	3	16	-	47
Fruit	9	3	49	36	-	1
Others	308	902	127	95	-	61
Total	4,819	10,288	5,012	7,098	-	2,712

April 10 - 20

Sugar	636	1,161	796	892	33	264
Cane	4,497	5,991	4,647	3,732	748	1,274
Molasses	472	455	399	440	-	56
Cattle	53	62	12	14	9	34
Minerals	-	92	20	53	-	-
Lumber	67	71	79	43	6	61
Fruit	7	7	30	120	6	1
Others		731	30	120	6	49
Total		8,570	5,985	5,298	802	1,739

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It will be noted that total carloadings for the three lines is more than 30 percent below the figure for the corresponding period of 1957.

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