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Enclosed herewith are nine copies of a LHM  
dated and captioned as above.

MM T-1 is MM 492-S.

MM T-2 is PSI (Under Development)  
[redacted] shipbuilder and fisherman.

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MM T-3 is [MM 815-S]

Possibly in confirmation of the information  
furnished by the above confidential informants,  
fact that fewer and fewer articles appear in  
Cuban magazines and newspapers showing large  
groups of persons between the Soviet Bloc  
Cuba. Also it has been noted, from interviews  
small, but constant stream of refugees arriving in  
United States from Cuba, that fewer and fewer of them  
have even seen a Russian over the past several months.

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Another named was MERCEDES RODRIGUEZ, 26 years of age, who is studying Metallurgical Engineering in Krakow, Poland.

Cubans Poorly Impressed with Russians Cuba

MM T-2, a recently arrived Cuban refugee associated with boat-building, the fishing industry, and Cuban life along the northern coast of Oriente, Cuba, advised on September 2, 1964, that with the exception of a small handful of people, the approximately 400 families who reside in Puerto Manati, Cuba, are opposed to the Communist regime of FIDEL CASTRO and opposed to the presence of Russians in Cuba.

MM T-2 stated that frequently when a group of fishermen gathered, one or more Russians may be included in the group, at which time they would invariably drink more than the Cubans. If some of the Communist Cubans present wanted to extend themselves to be hospitable to the Russians, they would sometimes offer the Russians something to eat with their drinks. On occasions this would be a can of Russian meat. The Russian sailors would invariably refuse this meat with an emphatic "No" and say something which phonetically sounded like "jau jau". If this was not clear enough, the Russians would point to a dog in the street, thus indicating that the tinned meat was dog meat. //

MM T-2 stated that he and other boat builders and fishermen once observed a Russian boat in Puerto Manati and were very unfavorably impressed by the Communist system. He stated that even the local Communists found it difficult to defend the Russians. He stated there was one long table on the deck of the Russian ship and the crew ate on the deck. The Captain was the only person on the boat with a radio, and the crew was not allowed in his quarters. When the crew went ashore, they were accompanied by an armed guard.

MM T-2 stated he and some other Cuban boat

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carpenters observed an oiler with a very dirty and badly burned arm who complained and tried to avoid having to work. In the sight of several Cubans, he was threatened by one of the Russian superiors who raised a heavy wrench over his head as though to strike him. This created a very anti-Russian atmosphere in that small coastal town.

MM T-2 further recalled that one of the leading local Communists in Puerto Manati identified himself to the Russian ship Captain as a member of the local Cuban Communist Party; he undoubtedly expected to be invited aboard the boat but instead was coldly rebuffed and told to keep away from the ship.

Further Evidence of Cuban - Russian Discord

MM T-3, a former Cuban with some thirty years' experience as both a private and police investigator, who maintains contact with some Cuban sources, advised on September 21, 1964, that until approximately six months ago, one frequently saw around the city of Havana and its suburbs buses filled with Russians who were being taken to places of public recreation such as parks, beaches, and restaurants. In such places, the Russians mingled with the people with the help of other Cubans, who accompanied them, or Russians who spoke Spanish. The groups were always directed by some Russian, who acted as the leader. [X] [u]

However, over the past six or eight months, the above custom has been discontinued and the Russians are no longer seen at places of amusement, not even on the beaches where they were formerly the most obvious.

MM T-3 noted that in Lomas del Cura, located on the highway which runs between the towns of Tapaste and Jaruco in the Province of Havana, there is a Russian camp located about twenty kilometers away from the north coast. This camp is

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