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FOREIGN ECONOMIC MATTERS - CUBA

The following information was furnished by MM T-1 on October 16, 1961 MM T-1 is a former Cuban investigator who arrived very recently from Havana, Cuba (This source has furnished reliable information in the past:

The majority of this report deals with the scarcity and manner of distribution of foodstuffs, as well as other articles of prime necessity in Cuba. For convenience it is subdivided under the headings of the principal food items.

## COOKING OILS AND GREASE

The items which comprise the principal ones on the Cuban daily diet are scarce and rationed. Part of the difficulty in securing proper food in Cuba is due not only to the scarcity, but to the lack of organization in its distribution. The distribution system breaks down, and the articles do not arrive in the hands of the consumers with any consistent regularity.

A rationing system has been established for all cooking oils and grease. Rationing cards are issued to the people through the Comites de Defensa de la Revolucion (CDR Committees of Defense of the Revolution).

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