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1. DURING THE EARLY PART OF NOVEMBER 1963, FIDEL CASTRO RUZ, DURING THE COURSE OF A PRIVATE CONVERSATION, STATED THAT MILITARY LOSSES IN ORIENTE PROVINCE CAUSED BY HURRICANE FLORA AMOUNTED TO 200 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. CASTRO ALSO EXPRESSED HIS FEAR OF THE POSSIBILITY OF "COMMANDO INSURRECTIONS" WHICH MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN LARGE SCALE IN CUBA, AS THE CUBAN ECONOMY WAS SUCH THAT HE COULD NOT MAINTAIN A STATE OF MILITARY ALERT FOR A LONG TIME.

2. CASTRO INDICATED THAT ANY PROLONGED PERIOD OF MILITARY ALERT MIGHT CAUSE DISCONTENT AMONG THE TROOPS; A SITUATION WHICH WOULD BE DANGEROUS AND CREATE IRREPARABLE CONSEQUENCES. SO AS TO

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NEGATE THIS POSSIBILITY, CASTRO WAS UNDERTAKING AN INTENSIVE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO GIVE CONFIDENCE TO HIS TROOPS AND TO LIMIT THE OCCURRENCE OF ANY INTERNAL UPRISING.

3. FIDEL CASTRO ADMITTED TO "SOME DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION, BUT EXPLAINED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR A CONTROLLED RELEASE OF NEWS RELATIVE TO SUCH DIFFERENCES AND THEREBY WIN SOME TIME.

4. CASTRO INDICATED THAT ONE OF THE AIMS OF THIS CONTROLLED RELEASE OF NEWS WAS TO LET THE IMPERIALISTS BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIETS WERE TAKING THEIR TROOPS OUT OF CUBA AND DISMANTLING SOME OF THEIR BASES.

5. ACCORDING TO FIDEL CASTRO, DESPITE THE FACT THAT IN EARLY NOVEMBER, THE BULK OF THE SOVIET EQUIPMENT WAS STILL UNDER SOVIET CONTROL AND WOULD BE USED (BY THE SOVIETS?) IF NECESSARY, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF KEEPING THE ARMS IN CUBA WAS TO RE-EXPORT THEM TO THIRD COUNTRIES, WITHOUT THE SOVIET UNION APPEARING AS A PARTICIPANT IN THIS ADDITIONAL ARMS EXPORT.

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SOURCE: CUBAN WHO WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE 26 OF JULY
MOVEMENT UNTIL 1959. BECAUSE OF HIS PREVIOUS HIGH MILITARY RANK
HE STILL MAINTAINS CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS OFFICERS IN THE PRESENT
CUBAN MILITARY. SOURCE HAS RECEIVED SOME BASIC TRAINING IN
INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, HOWEVER HE HAS NOT SUBMITTED SUFFICIENT
REPORTS TO PERMIT AN EVALUATION OF HIS RELIABILITY. THIS INFORMATION
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