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FOLLOWING IS SUBSTANCE CONCLUSIONS DRAFT JIC PAPER ON "CUBA AND THE CARIBBEAN" PASSED ORALLY BY SLOAN, JIC/SEC, TO GRAHAM ON 7 APRIL. SLOAN EXPECTS PAPER WILL BE RELEASED BUT STILL UK ONLY AT THIS STAGE. PLEASE HANDLE DISCREETLY.

A. BY NOW, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE DISTINGUISH CASTROISM FROM COMMUNISM; CUBA AN "UNOFFICIAL" MEMBER OF BLOC. (SLOAN SAID THIS CONCLUSION MIGHT BE TONED DOWN, BUT IT REPRESENTED WORKING LEVEL DRAFT.)

B. CASTRO PROBABLY NOT A CONNIE, BUT CCP HAS SHOWN GREAT SKILL IN GAINING DOMINANT POSITION SINCE REVOLUTION.

C. CASTRO REGIME IN FIRM CONTROL, DESPITE DISAFFECTION MUCH OF MIDDLE CLASS.

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D. "WESTERN" ECONOMIC MEASURES NOT LIKELY HAVE DECISIVE
EFFECT IN WEAKENING HOLD OF REGIME.

E. BLOC ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE MAINTENANCE CASTRO REGIME
IN POWER; LIKELY PROVIDE ALL ESSENTIAL ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL SUPPORT.

F. CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN CARIBBEAN NOW LESS BLATANT AND
PROVOCATIVE; CUBA NOT AN IMMEDIATE THREAT EXCEPT POSSIBLY IN
BRITISH GUIANA WHERE JAGAN MIGHT CONCERT WITH CASTRO AFTER INDEPEND-
ENCE.

G. IN LONGER RUN, IF CASTRO SUCCEEDS IN SATISFYING SOME OF
BASIC ASPIRATIONS CUBAN LOWER CLASSES, CUBA COULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL
EFFECT ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

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