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CASTRO MAKES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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TO Accra: Cuban Embassy((A))

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At a special appearance on 23 November, FIDEL stated:

We do not hate men, we hate systems. The death of a man, although he is our enemy, cannot cheer us. Always in the presence of death we cease our belligerence and we bow with respect although it is in respect to an enemy.

KENNEDY was strongly attacked for being bellicose. Ultra-reactionaries are the only ones that can be called beneficiaries of these events. Advantage is taken of the assassination to release in the USA anti-Soviet and anti-Cuban hysteria and they are

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staging a strange move and no one knows what sinister plot it conceals. This campaign tries to place the USA in the worst international positions, in the most reactionary international positions, and that is a serious and grave threat to peace. KENNEDY's death is a negative act for the interests of humanity. The enemies of Cuba know that they will always find us firm.

Attention Cuban Embassy, furnish a copy to the consulates under your jurisdiction.

((A)) This is a circular message sent also to Cuban diplomatic missions in Algiers, Athens, Bamako, Beirut, Belgrade, Berlin, Bern, Brussels, Bucharest, Budapest, Cairo, Colombo, Conakry, Copenhagen, Djakarta, Geneva, Hanoi, Helsinki, Karachi, London, Moscow, New Delhi, Oslo, Paris, Peking, Pyongyang, Rabat, Rome, Sofia, Tel Aviv, The Hague, Tokyo, Ulan Bator, Warsaw, Vatican City, and Vienna.

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