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from:lionel martin (havana)
to:bernie (time miami)

on meeting of council of economic assistance commonly known
as comecon:

most of meetings behind closed doors talking about the intimate
problems associated with trade, energy, high technology and
probably the world economic crisis and political situation.

nikolai tikhonov, soviet premier delineated five areas of
concentration for future work and integration of the communist-bloc
nations: electronics, nuclear energy, automation, new materials
and biotechnology.

nikolai baibakov, head of comecon's committee on planning
told the soviet unions partners that they could depend on
the s.u. for their energy needs. but he made clear that easy to
get oil was getting scarcer and that in the future more emphasis
will be put on the use of natural gas, nuclear energy and the
more traditional energy fuel materials such as coal and wood.

baibakov announced that next year 13 percent of the electric
energy in comecon nations will be produced by nuclear energy and
that by 1990 the aim is to raise it to 20 percent.

also, baibakov announced that the soviet union was ready to
produce motors for cars and trucks that would run on compressed
and liquid methane gas.

in their preliminary speeches which were published in the
cuban press all the comecon leaders accused the united states of
being the main instigator of the arms race. nikolai tikhanov
tikhanov siad, however, that better relations between the u.s
and the soviet union would benefit the entire world. the comecon
leaders also came out squarely for the contadoro proposals,
applauding nicaragua's acceptance and challenging the u.s. do
to the same.

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cuban president fidel castro said in the modern palace of conventions that cuba would not relinquish its ties with the soviet union but while attacking the aggressive policy of the reagan administration said his government would like to find solutions to differences with the united states.

cuba's ties with the comecon nations and especially the soviet union have grown year by year. in 1972 its trade with comecon nations amounted to 1.4 billion dollars and by 1982 it had soared to 8.6 billion out of a total trade of 11.6 billion. eighty-six percent of cuba comecon trade is with the soviet union.

cuba, besides the weapons which it receives free of charge from the soviet union is also bolstered by the fact that the soviet union is now paying cuba about eight times the world market prices for its main export product sugar and gets its petroleum --some 10 to 12 million tonnes annually -- from the soviet union at about half the world price.

it was announced at the comecon conference that cuba will build 2 new nuclear power stations with soviet aid in addition to the one under construction in cienfuegos in central cuba.

cuba will receive some billion dollars in credit during this decade to develop its electric power industry, nickel producing industry and citrus industry.

one of the highpoints of the meet after it had finished its deliberations was a visit to eastern cuba by delegates to witness the inauguration of a nickel processing plant (its first production line only) which has been built with soviet aid and to visit the site where another plant of similar 30,000 tonne annual capacity will be built with comecon aid. this should make cuba a major work supplier of nickel with an estimated 100,000 tonne nickel production target by the 1990's.

the comecon nations have also ensured cuba's market
for all the oranges, grapefruits and lemons it can produce. 3
cuba expect to become one of the world citrus powers by the
end of the century.

comecon and particularly soviet backing has encouraged
cuba to undertake a huge sugar expansion program although
world prices for crude sugar are at their lowest level in the
past 15 years -- less than 5 cents a pound. plans are to increase
the current 8 million tonne crude production to 12 million
tonnes by 1990, far about cuba's all time record output.

essentially what the comecon meeting showed by cuba's
inextricable ties with the economies of those nations. todwxvvv
some other points:

1. jorge navarette, a vice minister of foreign affairs of
mexico took the opportunity of the meeting to criticise the
soviet union's oil selling policies, certainly referring to
dumping practices. he said at a news conference that +the soviet
union should do more to help stabilize the chaotic world market.+

2. among observers was the latin american economic system (sela),
the latin american economic council of the u.s. (cepal), nicaragua,
angola, mozambique, yemen, ethiopia, laos and mexico.

3. nicaragua was also present. henry ruiz, the sandanista
delegate looked like an adolescent schoolboy next to the aging
leaders of the comecon nations.

4. the delegates were driven around in black mercedes with
uniformed police escorts.

5. the press had to watch the speeches through closed circuit
television. they entered through the back door, going through the
kitchen entrance.

about indhira gan

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6. when the delegates arrived castro was at the jose marti airport to greet them..received big hugs and (bearhugs) and kisses russian style.

7. castro took nikolai tikhanov to the final game of the u world amateur baseball championships in which cuba slaughtered the us 11-1

-gandhi. the final session of the comecon conference had a minute of silence in her memory. official mourning was declared by cuban government for a week with flags at half mast.

certain empathy existed between castro and gandhi. they praised each other when castro handed over the leadership of the non-aligned movement to her in new delhi last year.

at the session of comecon castro told a closed session:
+we have received the sad, tragic news of the terrible death of comrade indira gandhi, a renowned stateswomen and...close friend of progressive policies of all the countires represented here.

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for lionel martin--is he there please?

Lionel, our machine has been tied up which is why we couldn't call you at the appointed time. many thanks for your file. according to newyork prensa latin should call ap in newyork collect they will accept the charges and bill time inc. the number is 212-757-1187. sure hope this works since it hasn't worked when we tried it before.

Lionel where. ok, i don't know what prensa latina will do. i'll have to get in touch with them immediately (but its lunch time here) will do my best. i will probably have to pay them for the pix and services so ill let you know the bill if we succeed.

ga

please don't send more than two photos since transmission charges are prohibitive. ideally we would like to have one of castro with the russian delegation and one of overall meeting.

bernie needs a direct quote from comrade nikolai tikhonov. what he had to say about the reagan administration and how relations could be improved between the soviets and washington by bettering its relations with cuba. also, need to know at what time the three-day session closed today and when they had the minute of silence and whether they are going to continue their schedule and go on to inaugurate the nickel plant. i picked up a lot of quotes from prensa latina stuff out of mexico but this is sort of a round about way to report a story and i need a few more quotes from castro. i need the list of delegates and their rank and country.

when was the final game of the world amateur baseball held?

thanks and bernie says he needs soonest, please.

elaine

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ill give you a quote from nikolai tikhanov, head of the soviet premier right now.

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+we are sur that +

he said that normalization of us-soviet relations +are possible only on the basis of equality and non interference in the internal affairs of other nations and that normalization will be beneficial for the peoples of both countries and will exercise a favorable influence on the world situation in general+

the minute of silence was held shortly after the session last session met, that is, at 10am havana time today

the meeting ends this today with the signing of a final communique at three or four o'clock today.

the delegates will go off to see the nickel plant thursday (after the conference has ended)

the final game of the world series was last sunday.

Lionel, will you please advise us when the photos are sent so we can

tell newyork em tjzh

ok ill do that

now with castro quotes. +said that washington had not changed the +belligerent course of its policies or its profoundly reactionary character.+

speech of reagan administration said +they have the fanatic hope of wiping socialism off the face of the earth

+they have the fanatic and unrealizable hope of wiping socialism off the face of the earth.+

+we will not renounce any action which favors an honorable and dignified solution based on mutual respect to our 25 year old differences which have been aggravated by the present administration.+

does buernie want the names of delegates is that all??

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that so whatever yo can provide will be super.

ok president castro/nikolai tikhanvo tikhanvo soviet prime
minister

bulgarian prime minister grisha filipov
czech prime min lubomir strougal
east german p. m willi stoph
hungaria pm istvan sarlos
mongolian pm zhambyn batmunkh
polish deputy pm zbigniew messner
romanian prime minister constantin dascalescu
vietnam pm to huu

thats the full list of official delegates to conference.

anything else????? yes want to confirm spelling of tikhanovo is
with an aaa and not two oooo

tikhonov is the way reuter.....uses name but wait a second,
im checking yes thats what we have here on the official list.

xk many thanks.

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