

## **November 4, 1965**

### **Cable from Fernández Padilla to Che Guevara**

#### **Citation:**

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#### **Summary:**

Cable from Fernández Padilla, head of the Cuban intelligence station in Dar-es-Salaam, to Che Guevara, who was in the Congo, regarding the contents of a letter from Castro to Che.

#### **Original Language:**

Spanish

#### **Contents:**

Translation - English

I am sending you, via courier, a letter from Fidel. Its key points are:

"1. We must do everything except that which is foolhardy.

"2. If Tatu [Guevara] believes that our presence has become either unjustifiable or pointless, we have to consider withdrawing.

"3. If he thinks we should remain we will try to send as many men and as much material as he considers necessary.

"4. We are worried that you may wrongly fear that your decision might be considered defeatist or pessimistic.

"5. If Tatu decides to leave [the Congo], he can return here or go somewhere else [while waiting for a new internationalist mission].

"6. We will support whatever decision [Tatu makes].

"7. Avoid annihilation."