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Summary:

The cable concerns a conversation between Vrana and Pinner the night before, about Castro's conviction of an impending invasion of Cuba by the United States and associated mercenaries. Prague is told if that event comes to pass, all classified documents in the embassy will be burned. Emergency measures are being prepared, and tensions are evidently high.

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[Deputy Foreign Minister Antonin] Gregor.

That sent by you via Washington, and a discussion between Vrána and Pinner 26.10. [26 October] passed on this conviction of Fidel [Castro]'s about the danger of an invasion by the USA and mercenaries 27.10 [27 October]. If [Soviet Ambassador Aleksandr] Alexejev [Alekseev] confirms this information during the night hours, we will give the order to burn all classified materials except for the enciphered data, which we will destroy last. At the same time I will order the emergency measures for informing and organizing our citizens, as per the emergency plan.

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