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Cable from Dutch Embassy, Havana (Boissevain)

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Summary:

The cable concerns the farewell dinner of Anastas Mikoyan, where Fidel Castro is notably absent, supposedly because he was seen drunk elsewhere. Mikoyan finally made Castro concede to UN Secretary General U Thant's last precondition to remove the IL-28 Soviet bombers from Cuba. Boissevain also reports on an air raid on a Cuban cargo ship, which was undamaged after receiving 11 bombs.

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Derive from the following firstly presidential farewell dinner for [Anastas] Mikoyan secondly absence Fidel [Castro] who was supposedly seen drunk elsewhere thirdly Fidel's letter to [U] Thant in which concession with regard to Soviet bombers IL 28 (...), that Armenian [i.e., Mikoyan] finally got concession and with this accomplished mission.

Air raid on Cuban cargo vessel apparently intended to intimidate, after all Rio Damuji undamaged after 11 bombs, only understandable as expansion of quarantine towards a boycott of all shipping to Cuba which inevitably will result in hostilities.

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